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3 men linked to Times Square accused arrested

PLOT Three Pakistani men who authorities say supplied funds to Times Square car bomb suspect Faisal Shahzad were arrested Thursday in a series of raids across the Northeast as the FBI followed the money trail in the failed attack. Investigators said it was not yet clear whether the men knew how the money would be used.

The men — two seized in the Boston area, one in Maine — were arrested as authorities searched homes and businesses in raids centred in the Boston suburbs, on New York's Long Island and in New Jersey. They were arrested on immigration violations, and were not charged with any terrorism-related crimes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Supergroup rocks **Scotiabank Place**

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Josh Homme, of Queens of the Stone Age, performs with Them Crooked Vultures at Scotiabank Place Thursday night. The band, which also features Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl, formerly of Nirvana, and Led Zeppelin bassist John Paul Jones, drew about 3,000 people.

Survivor recovering

Dutch boy, 9, has yet to be told parents, brother died in plane crash

The Dutch family — mom, dad and two young sons — were headed home from a dream safari in South Africa when their plane plunged to Earth in Libya. Rescuers found a single passenger alive: nine-year-old Ruben, still strapped in his seat.

The sole survivor slept peacefully Thursday, a stuffed orange Tigger tucked under his arm in a hospital room filled with bouquets of flowers. His left eye, forehead and slim torso were marked with bruises and scrapes; his left leg was immobilized in a blue and white cast.

Ruben smiled and spoke briefly to an aunt and uncle who rushed to his bedside from Holland, but has yet to be told his parents and 11-year-old brother are dead.

"He's awake. He's talking. He is listening," a Dutch Foreign Ministry official, Ed Kronenburg, told The Associated Press after visiting the boy. "Of course he also sleeps quite a lot because he got anesthesia yesterday and is still a bit dizzy."

The child was recovering well after four hours of surgery to repair multiple fractures to his legs, Kronenburg said.

Ruben, his brother Enzo and their parents Trudy and Patrick van Assouw had gone to South Africa during the boys' spring school vacation to celebrate the couple's 12-year wedding anniversary.

103 The Libyan-owned jetliner was minutes from landing in Tripoli on Wednesday after a more than seven-hour journey across Africa when it crashed into a sandy field at the edge of the runway, killing 103 people.

After the crash, Ruben was found still strapped in his seat by rescuers who noticed the boy was breathing, said a Libyan safety official, Col. Baloul al-Khoja. The bodies of three crash victims were nearby.

The child was semiconscious and unresponsive, bleeding from wounds to his legs, al-Khoja said. As rescuers moved him, he grimaced in pain.

Kronenburg said the child was discovered about a kilometre from the tail section of the Airbus A330-200, indicating he may have been sitting in the front of the aircraft when it broke into pieces.

Aside from the tail, little was left of the Afriqiyah Airways plane. A trail of wreckage 150 metres long lay scattered in the sand. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Funds for tunnel to come 'any day now,' says Cullen

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INFRASTRUCTURE With the release of a strong business case for the downtown Ottawa transit tunnel, the chair of the city's transit committee is expecting a funding commitment from the federal government to follow "any day now."

"They're about to announce. It's just a question of when," said mayoral candidate and Bay Ward Coun. Alex Cullen. "The details of the business case go to prove, not only that we need this project, but that it has very positive benefits for the city of Ottawa."

Yesterday, the city released the business case on the project's new website, www.ottawalightrail.ca.

The first 12.3-kilometre section of the city's light rail line would run from Tunney's Pasture to Blair Road Station through a 3.2-km tunnel.

The project is budgeted to cost $2.1 billion, but the city is estimating that it will inject a total of $3.2 billion into Ottawa's economy and generate "20,000 person-years" of work.

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City wants a few good tree planters

The City of Ottawa is looking for volunteers to plant trees as it hosts its first annual community planting event at the Monaghan Reforestation Project in the southwest end of the city at 9 a.m. Saturday. Bring your shovel and your boots and have some fun in the dirt. The goal is to plant more than 1,000 trees to enhance the city's forest cover. To participate, email tree@ottawa.ca. METRO OTTAWA

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News in brief

SEXUAL ASSAULT Ottawa police have charged a Renfrew County man with one count of sexual assault after a 34-year-old woman reported she had been inappropriately touched by a paramedic while being transported in an ambulance earlier this year.

DRIVING Police laid 1,008 charges last month following seatbelt and child car seat safety and red light running campaigns. They issued 553 tickets for vehicle occupants failing to use a seatbelt or ensuring the proper use of child car seats and 455 tickets for red light running.

SCHOLARSHIP A uOttawa student has received a $180,000 Trudeau Doctoral Scholarship from the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation. Rosalind Raddatz is going to western Africa for her doctoral project, titled Accounting for Peace: Democracy and Political Settlements in Post-Civil War Sierra Leone and Liberia. METRO OTTAWA

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Do It For Dad expands mandate

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When top OHL defenceman Erik Gudbranson's younger brother was diagnosed with leukemia, he visited him at the hospital.

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Top OHL defenceman Erik Gudbranson, the honorary captain of the VIP team for the Alterna Do It For Dad run and family walk, speaks at the launch of the event Thursday as local broadcast legend Max Keeping, a prostate cancer survivor, looks on.

Watching nurses crowd around him, Gudbranson said he "understood the severity of the disease and of cancer in general."

Now 18, the hockey player — who was ranked fourth overall among North American skaters by NHL Central Scouting — is throwing his support behind one of the signature fundraising events for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation.

The Alterna Do It For Dad run and family walk, which has raised $1.6 million for prostate cancer research, education and awareness projects in Ottawa, has expanded its mandate this year to include all men's cancers.

"Another reason I come out here is my dad," Gudbranson said. "He's definitely a role model for me and I never want anything like this to happen to him."

Forty-five per cent of men will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives, said president and CEO of the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation Linda Eagen.

"One in seven will be affected by prostate cancer," she added.

"Early detection could mean that we don't lose more than 4,000 men every year in Canada from cancer," said foundation supporter Max Keeping.

Funds from this event have gone towards a radioactive therapy program and funding research studies, said Dr. Gad Perry, head of oncology at the Ottawa Hospital Regional Cancer Centre.

Other treatments being developed include the cyberknife, which is "a very precise, robotic-controlled radiation delivery system," and a robotic surgery system that's being planned for Ottawa for treating prostate cancer, said Perry.

The foundation is also launching a new testicular cancer prevention and awareness program in local high schools this fall, Eagen said.

"Those are all things that are keeping Ottawa in the forefront in terms of research," Perry said. "All of these things couldn't be done without the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation and events like Do It For Dad."

The event is scheduled for June 20 at Anniversary Park at Carleton University.

Get moving for a good cause in charity walks

FUNDRAISERS Three charity walks are scheduled this weekend, including the Arthritis Society's first annual fundraising walk on Sunday. Thousands of people are expected to participate in the 5K and 1K walk events at Vincent Massey Park starting at 2 p.m. The Heart and Stroke Foundation's 10th annual Walk For Heart is slated for city hall from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday on Queen Elizabeth Drive. The Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services is holding its 10th annual Footsteps for Recovery Walk/Run fundraiser at Britannia Park Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Exhibit saddles up to show off the horse

MUSEUM In the thousands of years that horses and humans have been living together, horses have changed human society as much as humans changed horse DNA.

That relationship is explored in The Horse, a new exhibit opening at the Canadian Museum of Civilization May 28.

"The focus is on the evolution of the horse and how it went from being a dog-sized, four-toed creature to being the magnificent hoofed creature that we see today," said Sheldon Posen, the in-house curator of The Horse exhibit. "Then we go into how the horse shaped us."

Humans shaped horses by selective breeding that created small Shetland ponies to work in mines, and huge work horses for the fields.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Helmut Franke, a curator with the Deutsches Historisches Museum, installs a piece of 15th-century German horse armour on a display for The Horse exhibit, which is opening at the Museum of Civilization May 28.

Before the internal combustion engine, the horse was the fastest way to travel, said Posen. All trade, travel and communication relied on horses.

Among the highlights of the exhibit is a German suit of equine armour dating back to the 15th century. The suit comes to Ottawa with its own curators from Deutsches Historisches Museum in Berlin.

The exhibit was put together by the American Museum of Natural History, but the exhibition has many Canadian elements inserted in it.

There is a painting from the First World War depicting the charge of the Canadian cavalry at the Battle of Moreuil Wood.

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Holland's Got Talent runner-up at tulip fest

Artist 'honoured' with invitation to perform

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dutch singer Waylon performs at the Canadian Tulip Festival this Saturday.

Some days, he still can't believe it's happening.

Just a couple of years ago, Waylon was still trying to make it in the music business when a friend unexpectedly entered him in Holland's Got Talent.

"I thought it was strange, as a grown man, to sign up for a program like that," he said. "But (my friend) said, 'if you're not going to do it for yourself, someone has to.'"

But it paid off when he finished second in the competition in 2008, launching his music career.

"I didn't expect it would happen this fast," said the 30-year-old singer-songwriter, who became the first Dutch artist to be signed to Motown/Universal.

With an album, Wicked Ways — which recently went gold after 30 weeks on the Dutch charts — under his belt and another in the works, Waylon is on track to superstardom. At 9 p.m. Saturday, he'll be making his North American debut as the Canadian Tulip Festival headliner as the festival enters its second of three weekends.

The artist, who got his start in music as a drummer, learned early on that he really wanted to be a singer instead. Born Willem Bijkerk, he took his stage name from his idol, country singer Waylon Jennings.

"I love to make music," he said. "I know this is going to be it for the rest of my life. But I want to make it bigger. There's more to this than the talent competition."

While he collaborates on his music, "all the ideas start with me," he said. "I want to be an artist. I want to sing and tell my story."

One of the perks of stardom is travelling, he said, and playing in Ottawa on the 65th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands makes it even more special.

"I grew up in Apeldoorn, so I'm really up to date with the Canadian connection," he said. "Every year, there is a big parade with the veterans and the Canadian soldiers. It's an honour to be invited here. I'm really looking forward to it."

Abortion **Differing views**

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Thousands of anti-abortion activists marched through downtown Ottawa for the 13th annual March for Life following a rally on Parliament Hill Thursday. They were met with thousands of pro-choice activists. Coverage, page 6.

Marleau throws hat in ring for Rideau-Vanier

ELECTION Perry Marleau is running for the council seat in Rideau-Vanier. Marleau ran in Alta Vista in 2006 and finished third in that race. For a couple of years after the election, he was a member of Eye On Ottawa, a watchdog group that followed and commented on city council performance. Marleau is running against lawyer Sriyan Pinnawala. The current councillor, Georges Bedard, has not yet registered.

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Boxer's charges dropped

Assault and mischief charges have been dropped against former Olympic boxing silver medallist Shawn O'Sullivan, 47, pictured showing injuries he says he received after being assaulted by police. O'Sullivan complained he was Tasered and arrested by police in Belleville, Ont., who countered he was drunk and combative. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Abortion furor lands on the PM's doorstep

15,000 rally on Parliament Hill

The abortion debate landed literally on Prime Minister Stephen Harper's doorstep Thursday.

Thousands of pro-life campaigners flooded Parliament Hill, daring to hope that Harper's government will take further steps against abortion at home as well as abroad.

Harper has said he doesn't want to reopen the abortion debate in Canada.

But the pro-life movement arrived in high spirits and with demands for the Conservative government to do much more to discourage abortion in this country.

The throng included hundreds of students drawn from Ottawa's Roman Catholic high schools.

Many waved graphic signs with pictures of aborted fetuses.

Priests, ministers, nuns and monks were scattered through the crowd, which was estimated at about 15,000 people.

Harper sparked an outcry when he said money earmarked for child and maternal health programs in the Third World won't go to abortions.

That won praise from Marc Cardinal Ouellet, archbishop of Quebec and primate of Canada.

The Quebec prelate told reporters: "Reopen the discussion in Canada about this judicial void.

"There is absolutely no protection for the unborn."

"There is absolutely no protection for the unborn."
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Habs fever **It's payback time for Harper's men**

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Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages James Moore dons a Montreal Canadiens jersey Thursday after losing a bet to Dimitri Soudas, right, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's communications director, as they arrive for question period in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill. The Habs beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-2 to advance to the Eastern Conference final.

Shoplifter died, owner charged

CRIME A corner-store owner has been charged with killing a shoplifter over what the victim's friend said was a can of luncheon meat.

Kwang Soo Kim, 62, has been charged with manslaughter in the death of Geraldine Beardy, 29, after a confrontation in Winnipeg.

Beardy was hit with a weapon, police said.

She made her way to a friend's house and died five days later in hospital.

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Guergis: Was it a misunderstanding?

SCANDAL Former minister Helena Guergis says a misunderstanding must be the reason why Prime Minister Stephen Harper kicked her out of the Conservative caucus and called in the RCMP.

But she conceded Thursday her husband, Rahim Jaffer, might well have used her parliamentary office and email address for business purposes.

Guergis underlined private eye Derrick Snowdy's comments to MPs that he didn't have any evidence of criminal behaviour on her part.

"There obviously has been some misunderstanding," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RCMP investigating Newfoundland hospital

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New way to get your hockey fix

SOCIAL MEDIA Tens of thousands of hockey fans in Montreal packed the Bell Centre and filled sports bars to overcapacity Wednesday night to watch the Canadiens finish off the Pittsburgh Penguins.

But for those who couldn't get in, there were other places to talk hockey and watch the game with a lively crowd, where the beer wasn't overpriced and sightlines were perfect.

At HFBoards.com, one of the most popular hockey websites, between 55,000 and 65,000 fans log on every day, operators say. Wednesday night's game between Montreal and Pittsburgh generated more than 5,100 posts, which were viewed around 103,000 times.

The concept of going online to chat about hockey isn't new, but its popularity as an alternative to hitting a sports bar to watch a game with others is exploding.

"It almost acts like a support group, if a team's doing well everybody's feeling great, but if things aren't going well — like Pittsburgh Penguins fans are feeling today, I guess — they console one another, or complain, or figure out what needs to be done to make a team better," said Ken McKenna, managing editor of Hockey's Future, the sister site of HF-Boards.com.

McKenna said online chatter during games really started to take off when wireless Internet became common in homes and users started sitting in front of their TVs with a laptop. Smartphones have made it even easier to talk about games online anywhere you are, he added.

There were an estimated 130,000 streams of Wednesday's game off CBC.ca and about 6,000 to 20,000 users typically logged into live chats during games this season, said Scott Moore, executive director of CBC Sports. "We like to think of CBC.ca as being the town hall of Canada," Moore said.

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Over on Twitter...

- Canada's most tweeted-about topics early Thursday revolved around the Montreal Canadiens and the team's awe-inspiring victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins. Among the hottests keywords were Habs, MTL, Stanley Cup and Jaroslav Halak, Montreal's goalie.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Officials capture a one-year-old moose that went on a surprise excursion through downtown Calgary Thursday, snarling traffic and attracting onlookers. **Watch video, at metronews.ca.**

Moose on the loose

Unexpected visitor turns heads in downtown Calgary

KRISTA SYLVESTER
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This loose moose was no comedy act.

A one-year-old moose captured the attention of Calgarians and snarled traffic in the process, as the young calf led officials on a two-hour wild moose chase throughout Calgary and across two city quadrants.

Eventually, the moose was tranquilized by Fish and Wildlife officers after dashing down a road against traffic, according to officer Ken Mackay.

"It's a safety issue for traffic and citizens, so we tranquilized it and we'll be taking it west," he said, adding the animal would be tagged and released.

There were reports the moose started in the northwest part of the city but led officials on a chase onto an island before wading through more water to explore downtown.

"It's never a good thing to have a moose loose downtown. Not a good place to be," Mackay said.

Duty Insp. Darren Cave said the moose created a lot of chaos for motorists.

"He was kind of like a tourist — he's seen a lot of the city today," Cave said.

Witnesses, many of whom had never seen a moose downtown before, were awestruck when crossing paths with the large animal.

"It just kind of looked a bit frazzled but it's not something you see everyday," Joe Weinstein said.

Saskatchewan tries to balance marriage and religious rights

RIGHTS Saskatchewan's highest court has been told that making marriage commissioners perform same-sex ceremonies against their religious beliefs forces them to "park their rights at the door."

The Court of Appeal is hearing submissions on a proposed law that would exempt commissioners from presiding over gay weddings on religious grounds. The provincial government has asked the court for its opinion on whether the proposal meets the requirements of the Charter of Rights.

Lawyer Michael Megaw said the government is obligated to provide civil marriages so same-sex couples will get married without any doubt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

NOVA SCOTIA The federal and Nova Scotia governments have extended a moratorium on oil and gas exploration on Georges Bank for three years. Premier Darrell Dexter announced Thursday that the ban on drilling is being extended until Dec. 31, 2015. Dexter said he heard public concerns over the possibility of lifting the moratorium on an area known for the rich variety of marine species that exist there.

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Hair-raising predicament

Vancouver salon sends clippings to absorb Gulf of Mexico oil spill

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Canada

A West Vancouver hair salon is sending hair clippings to the Gulf of Mexico where it's being used to help absorb oil from a major ocean spill.

A stylist from Hennessey Salon and Spa in Park Royal South received an email from Matter of Trust, an eco-friendly public charity, asking people to donate hair, fur or nylons.

"(Our stylist) told me about the hair booms that you can make. The hair soaks up the oil," said Krystal Harrison, a manager at Hennessey. "There's no point in throwing (clippings) away when we can be doing something positive with it."

With one garbage bag full from the last few days, the salon emailed Matter of Trust to confirm their involvement in the drive for hair clippings until May 31.

"(People) are getting a service that they would normally be getting anyway, but they actually help with the relief effort."
Krystal Harrison

Harrison said all five of Hennessey's locations are now donating to the cause.

"We are encouraging anybody, any salon to jump onboard to go ahead with it to help the good cause," said Harrison.

"(People) are getting a service that they would normally be getting anyway, but they get to actually help with the relief effort.

"It's sort of a double-edged sword."

Grits taking heat on HST booze impact

PRICING The Liberals are being accused of sending "mixed messages" on the looming 13 per cent HST's impact on the price of booze — and other products and services.

In the wake of a disclosure Wednesday that the Liquor Control Board of Ontario raised its markups by 7.5 per cent to claw back any consumer savings from the business-friendly harmonized sales tax, the government scrambled to defend the move.

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan, who insists most companies will pass along any reduced costs from the HST to Ontarians, said it would be reckless to lower prices on beer, wine and spirits — even though tax changes would have made them cheaper.

"We believe that socially responsible pricing is important," said Duncan, referring to the minimum price for selling booze in Ontario.

To control consumption, the government sets minimum prices for all product categories.

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Vancouver **Whale of an exhibit**

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People look on as Canada's largest blue whale skeleton is unveiled at the Biodiversity Centre at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Thursday. The skeleton is the largest in the world to be suspended without external support.

News in brief

AFGHAN DETAINEES Talks aimed at averting a parliamentary showdown over sensitive Afghan detainee documents are going down to the wire after hitting an apparent snag Thursday. Negotiations are to resume Friday morning, leaving the government and opposition parties less than five hours to reach an agreement before the deadline set by House of Commons Speaker Peter Milliken.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SPENDING A new study suggests that all the plaudits Canadian governments are receiving internationally for their fiscal prudence may not be totally deserved. The C.D. Howe Institute says federal and provincial governments in Canada have spent $65 billion more than they had budgeted for over the past decade.

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The Tooth Doctor©
David J. Halpin, D.D.S.

Emergency First-Aid For a Toothache

If ever a toothache develops, we hope today's column will help you to ease your discomfort until you can see a dentist.

A toothache can invade and disrupt every living moment of your life. Toothaches may be caused by a cavity (tooth decay), abscesses, gum disease, loose or broken fillings, exposed tooth roots, food particles wedged between the teeth or trapped below your gum line, sinus pressure, trauma or irritation resulting from clenching or grinding.

Toothache symptoms can include sharp pain, a dull ache, throbbing or burning. Your tooth may be sensitive to pressure, heat, cold or sweets.

If your toothache symptoms include fever, swelling of the face or neck; red, swollen or bleeding gums; unusually bad breath despite brushing and flossing; you should make an appointment to see the dentist immediately.

Remember, most toothaches get worse if not professionally treated promptly and may lead to more serious medical complications.

Until you can get to the dentist, there are several things you can do to help manage the pain of a toothache.

(A): **Use dental floss** to remove any food particles trapped between the teeth.

(B): **Rinse your mouth with warm salt water.**

(C): **Take aspirin, acetaminophen or ibuprofen** to help relieve your pain symptoms.

(D): **Apply oil-of-clove** by means of a small piece of cotton soaked in clove oil on the tooth that is fractured or decayed.

(E): To facilitate rest, **keep your head elevated in bed to decrease the pressure in the area of the toothache.**

In the rare case that a toothache is accompanied by pain in the lower jaw, neck, chest (in the collarbone region) or upper arm, these symptoms could represent something entirely different as heart attacks and angina reduce oxygen supplies to the mouth, and this can manifest as a toothache. **While you may not be experiencing a heart attack or angina, it may be better to err on the side of safety by seeking emergency medical attention.**

Please remember that the temporary remedies mentioned here aren't going to cure the toothache. A toothache should always be treated professionally by a dentist. **Prompt, professional dental treatment provides a positive outcome for toothaches.**

To avoid toothaches in the future, remember to see us regularly for a complete dental check-up, brush at least twice a day and floss at least once daily. You'll be glad you did!

Yours for better dental health,
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Canada, U.S. recall push buggies for children

Canadian and U.S. regulators are recalling about 2.5 million push buggies for children because the handle can become detached. The products are the Step2 Push Around Buggy and Whisper Ride Buggy. Recalled are the model numbers: 715700, 792300, 7923TA, 7923OR, 796600, 7966TA, 768400, 882900, 885700. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Moms who lost sons accuse police

Families of two men shot dead by police in Ontario squared off against police groups Thursday in a court battle over how officers prepare notes and deal with civilian investigators afterward.

The officers involved asked Ontario Superior Court to strike the case down on technical grounds.

Outside court, emotional family members said they were simply looking to find out exactly what happened to their loved ones.

"I don't want mothers to go through what I'm going through," said Evelyn Minty, mother of Doug Minty, 59, who was shot dead in June last year.

"It's a year. I can't forget it. I can't sleep nights."

Said Ruth Schaeffer, mother of Levi Schaeffer, 30, whom police killed in a shooting also last June: "I don't know what to believe about the circumstances of my son's death."

The families are asking the courts for a declaration the officers violated the law around how police co-operated with the province's Special Investigations Unit.

They say allowing an officer who pulled the trigger and officers who witnessed it to consult the same lawyer amounts to collusion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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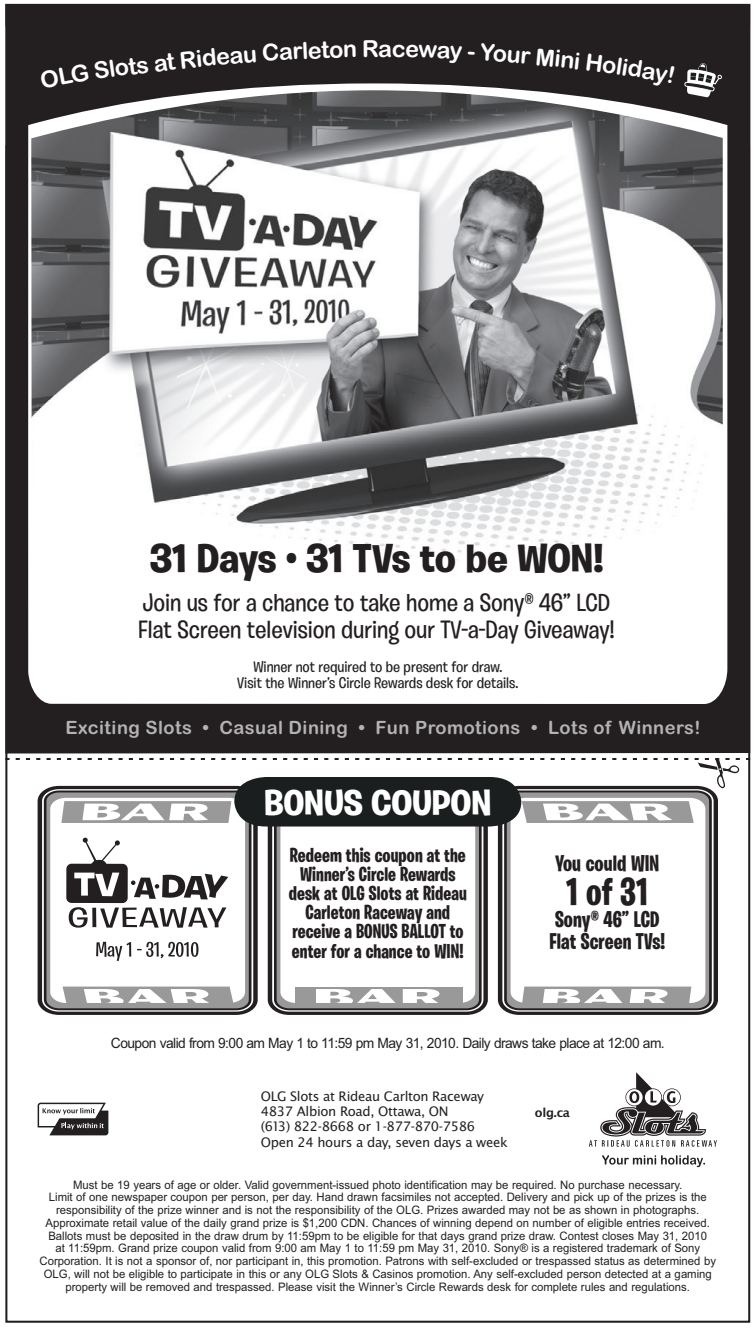
Evelyn Minty, mother of Douglas Minty, 59, a mentally challenged man shot dead by Ontario police, speaks outside court in Toronto on Thursday.



Mazda cuts off car dealer

AUTOMOTIVE Mazda Canada has terminated a dealership in Orangeville for breaching the company's business practices — including an incident in which the store sold a car to a woman for more than $25,000 above its real value.

In a rare move, the auto maker announced Thursday it had ended the sales and service agreement for Mazda of Orangeville effectively immediately.

It means the store cannot sell any new vehicles and parts to customers or make repairs.

The move comes less than a week after news reports revealed the dealership had sold a 2010 Mazda6 G6 sedan to a local woman for about $66,000 including taxes and a trade-in car — but she should have paid less than $41,000.

"We informed the dealer this morning that we were terminating the agreement because he had not adhered to the business standards, under the terms of the sales and service agreement," said Greg Young, Mazda's director of corporate public relations.

Young noted the huge overpricing of a car to the woman was one example of a breach but the company conducted an investigation and found other violations.

He added there are clauses in the agreement that state the dealer must conduct business in a way that reflects favourably on the image, reputation and goodwill of the store and Mazda. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Activist, 82, loses case in top court

ENVIRONMENT Environmental activist Betty Krawczyk has lost her last chance to appeal her conviction and sentence for blocking construction of a B.C. highway.

The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear the case brought by the nearly 82-year-old B.C. great-grandmother.

Krawczyk was hoping to appeal both her criminal contempt conviction and 10 month sentence..

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Reality TV contestant pleads guilty, sentenced to 9 years

A crab boat deckhand who appeared on the Deadliest Catch reality show has pleaded guilty to three Oregon bank robbery charges and sentenced to nine years in prison. The shackled Joshua Tell Warner, 23, apologized to tellers who attended the hearing Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Teen sailor approaches finish line

After seven months at sea, an Australian teen on Thursday was just two days away from reaching the finish line in her bid to become the youngest person to sail solo, non-stop and unassisted around the world. Thousands are expected to line Sydney Harbour Saturday to offer a hero's welcome to Jessica Watson, 16, who has battled 12-metre waves, multiple knockdowns and critics who called her too immature and inexperienced for the treacherous journey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thai rebel leader shot

Violence breaks out after general takes bullet in head

A rogue army general working with anti-government protesters was shot in the head Thursday while talking to reporters in downtown Bangkok, triggering more clashes that left one demonstrator dead and worsening Thailand's political chaos.

Gunfire crackled well into in the night after the government declared it will blockade 10,000 Red Shirt demonstrators who have occupied and paralyzed the centre of the capital for two months.

The streets turned into a virtual war zone following the shooting of Maj. Gen. Khattiya Sawasdiphol. Protesters stopped police trucks and forced them to turn back; they hurled rocks at soldiers, who responded by firing live ammunition, said Associated Press cameraman Raul Gallego. Killed in the shooting was Chartchai Bualao, 25, who was hit in the eye, according to the government's medical emergency centre. Soldiers resumed firing after an ambulance took his body away. At least seven other people were injured.

Khattiya was shot in the head while talking to a New York Times journalist near the Silom subway station on the edge of the occupation zone. The station entrance is surrounded by tall office buildings, leading to suspicions a sniper fired the shot.

Times reporter Thomas Fuller, answering questions on the newspaper's website, said he was about a half-hour into the interview when he asked the general, "Do you think the military is going to launch a crackdown, and do you think they'll be able to penetrate the barricades here?"

"And there was a bang as he was answering it, and I think his last words that I heard were, 'The military cannot get in here.' And then immediately (he) just fell," Fuller said.

Moments later, others dragged Khattiya by the legs, his head sliding on the ground and leaving a trail of blood. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Condition

- A hospital said Maj. Khattiya Sawasdiphol was shot in the head and admitted to a hospital's intensive care unit.

Buffalo **Obama drops in**

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Alexander Whitbeck, 7, left, and his father Scott stand along a street in Buffalo Thursday, where U.S. President Barack Obama stopped by. The president made a surprise stop to dine on the local delicacy at Duff's Famous Wings.

Pope: Abortion is 'insidious'

PORTUGAL Pope Benedict XVI has called abortion and same-sex marriage two of the most "insidious and dangerous" threats facing the world today.

Benedict made the comments Thursday to Catholic educators, social workers and others after celebrating Mass before an estimated 400,000 people in Fatima, Portugal, one of the most important shrines in Christianity. He was interrupted by applause several times. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

INDIANA A 32-year-old man who prosecutors say videotaped himself and his girlfriend molesting children as young as two months was sentenced Thursday to 125 years in prison. Stephen Quick II was convicted in March of three counts of child molesting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With Gordon Brown gone, a potentially bitter battle to replace him becomes a family affair

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Man dies at giant cocktail party

Police say a reveller died in an accident at a giant cocktail party in the French city of Nantes that drew 9,500 people after it was organized on Facebook. There is a recent trend of raucous, enormous cocktail parties in France. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unknown force could drop opium yield

Afghanistan's opium yield is likely to drop as much as 30 per cent this year because blight is destroying fields full of poppies in the south — driving up prices amid a countrywide push to grow legal crops, a UN official said Thursday.

Higher prices also could mean more money pouring in to the Taliban, which funds much of its insurgency with profits from the drug. Afghanistan supplies 90 per cent of the world's opium, the main ingredient in heroin.

The blight, which turns the poppy plants black as they apparently rot from the inside, has hit about half of the poppy crop growing in the northern part of Helmand province — the centre of Afghanistan's poppy production, said Jean-Luc Lemahieu, the top official for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Afghanistan. It is also significantly affecting crops in southern Helmand and in neighbouring Kandahar province, he said.

The lower yield on the surface seems to be a boost to reducing opium poppy cultivation, but it is leading to wild price speculation that instead could encourage farmers to plant more poppy next year.

The price of fresh opium has jumped 57 per cent from last year to about $85 US a kilogram in April, while dry opium prices are up 37 per cent.

Prices spiked similarly in 2001 to 2003, peaking at just more than $300 a kilogram and sparking a surge in opium poppy cultivation over the next few years. That followed the former Taliban regime's virtual eradication of opium during its last year in power in 2001. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

London **Can't stop it? Buy it**

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Environmentalists pose with boxes Thursday outside No. 10 Downing Street, British Prime Minister David Cameron's official residence. The boxes contain legal deeds of the area around London's Heathrow Airport, which they bought in order to block the construction of a proposed third runway.

Obama gets Bronx cheer over anti-terror funding

NEW YORK U.S. President Barack Obama is in hot water in New York City, the iconic American metropolis still traumatized by the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and jittery following a car-bombing attempt in Times Square two weeks ago.

New York lawmakers say the Department of Homeland Security is planning to cut anti-terror funding to public transit and ports in the city by 27 per cent.

That claim is based on a department briefing earlier this week that detailed across-the-board federal funding cuts in those areas to $144 million US from nearly $200 million.

The White House disputed Thursday it was cutting funding to New York, saying overall anti-terror funding to the city grew this year.

But the timing couldn't have been worse as Obama was in the Big Apple to thank the NYPD for thwarting the would-be Times Square car-bomber and to attend a Democratic congressional fundraiser.

"Terror Outrage!" screamed the headline of the New York Daily News Thursday as those on both sides of the political divide assailed the administration. "Maybe when you come to the city for a political fundraiser today you can explain how you can allow cuts in funding to protect those of us who live, work and raise our kids in the terrorists' bull's-eye," columnist Michael Daly wrote. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

APOLOGY New Zealand's leader apologized Thursday for joking that he would have been part of the meal had he attended a dinner with a Maori tribe whose history includes cannibalism. Prime Minister John Key's quip further soured relations with the Tuhoe people that are already strained over their bid to win back ownership of tribal lands confiscated 150 years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. hitchhiker executed
Ohio executed a hitchhiker Thursday who admitted to killing one motorist who gave him a ride and shooting two others in 1983. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Building a home, life

Brazil launches Latin America's largest house-building effort

Cristina Silva dos Santos is close to realizing a dream she has had for 28 years, since giving birth to the first of six children: A home big enough for her entire family.

For now, she and her five youngest are squeezed into a four-room, rough-brick house the size of most garages, where they all sleep in the same room.

But a new government housing program, the largest in Latin America aimed at cutting overcrowding in slums, will give Silva a substantial down payment on a $30,680 (54,000 real) home with two bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and bathroom.

The program, My Home, My Life, is a model for developing countries trying to alleviate the squalor surrounding roughly one billion squatters and slum dwellers worldwide, according to one expert.

Brazil President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva

Officials from Angola, Cape Verde, Mozambique and other countries facing housing shortages have requested information about the program, said Maria Fernanda Ramos Coelho, president of the state-run bank Caixa Economica Federal, which is administering the project.

Caixa officials also presented the program recently to their Venezuelan counterparts.

"This is undoubtedly a model that could be used in other countries," said Demostenes Moraes, director of Habitat-Brazil, the Brazilian branch of an international non-profit devoted to building houses for the poor.

The program, started last year, is part of the social policies that have made President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva one of Brazil's most popular ever — and could help attract votes for his chosen successor, candidate Dilma Rousseff, who trails in the polls going into the October presidential election.

Using federal, state and municipal funds, My Home, My Life pays 100 per cent of the cost of a home for families who earn a maximum of $870 a month (1,530 reals) — three times the minimum monthly wage of $290 (510 reals.)

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News in brief

RESCUE An offshore natural gas platform sank off Venezuela on Thursday, and 95 workers were rescued safely, the government said. All of the workers on the Aban Pearl platform off eastern Sucre state were safely evacuated, and the sinking poses no threat to the environment, Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez said.

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Fighting nuclear radiation one mule at a time

The Environmental Protection Agency has a new weapon in the fight against radioactive contamination at a Los Angeles-area lab: Mules. The EPA will use four mules to carry high-tech scanning equipment to detect radiation on steep and rocky terrain at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tug-of-war over Iraqi Jewish Archive

DOCUMENTS Iraq is negotiating with U.S. authorities for the return of millions of documents, including a stash of rare Hebrew-language books and parchments found in a flooded basement by American troops after the 2003 invasion, Iraqi officials said Thursday.

A high-level Iraqi delegation visited the U.S. last week to discuss bringing the documents back to Baghdad.

The documents include an extensive collection referred to as the Iraqi Jewish Archive, as well as records and files belonging to Saddam Hussein's disbanded Baath Party and security services.

But the discussions yielded no guarantees from the U.S. on when the materials will be returned, and more meetings will be held in Iraq soon, said the director of the Iraq National Library and Archives, Saad Eskander.

"These documents are part of Iraq's heritage, and we've demanded that the Americans should return them," he told reporters at the Iraqi Culture Ministry.

"They are studying our demand seriously because they know that the Iraqi side is serious and will never abandon its cultural heritage."

The history of the materials dates back to 2003 when U.S. troops looking for weapons of mass destruction found a collection of Hebrew-language documents floating in murky water from a busted sewage pipe in the basement of an intelligence services building in Baghdad.

The materials, later dubbed the Iraqi Jewish Archive, were taken to the U.S. for treatment and safekeeping. After the materials were discovered, they were laid out to dry in the sun, and eventually shipped to the U.S.

After being freeze-dried at a facility in Texas, the collection was taken to the National Archives and Records Administration in Maryland. There the items were photographed, lightly cleaned, wrapped and boxed. NARA and the Center for Jewish History, a New York-based non-profit group, are using the photos to catalogue the collection.

But they say that to handle and digitize it, more preservation work would be needed.

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What's at stake?

The collection contains photos, parchments, cases to hold Torah scrolls and a Jewish religious book published in 1568. There are also 50 copies of a children's primer in Hebrew and Arabic, books in Arabic and English, and tomes printed in Baghdad, Warsaw and Venice.

Peru **Hit her where it hurts**

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Peru's Lucy Simon, left, a.k.a. Kick-Boxing, fights against Bolivia's Janette Aymituma, a.k.a. Iron Hand, during an Andean Women Boxing exhibition in Lima on Thursday.

Balancing act for U.S., China

Human rights abuses key topic of two-day meeting

The Obama administration faces a delicate balancing act in human rights talks with China that began Thursday: It looks to pressure China to improve its treatment of its citizens while not angering a country that is crucial to U.S. international interests.

The two-day meeting in Washington also gives the administration a chance to answer criticism that it ignores rights abuses while pushing for Chinese support on Iranian and North Korean nuclear standoffs, climate change and other difficult issues.

This may be a difficult time, however, for the United States to take a tough position in the private meeting. The talks, which have resumed after two years, come ahead of a major gathering of top-level U.S. and Chinese officials this month in Beijing that will focus on the countries' intertwined economic and security interests.

"We hope they do more than talk ... The U.S. side must send a credible, serious human rights message."
Sharon Hom,
Human Rights in China executive director

"We hope they do more than talk," Sharon Hom, executive director of the advocacy group Human Rights in China, said about this week's meeting.

"The U.S. side must send a credible, serious human rights message."

Disagreements over human rights have for years been irritants in U.S.-China relations. This week's talks come as the countries try to repair ties after a rough period. President Barack Obama infuriated China by recently announcing a $6.4 billion arms sale to Taiwan, the self-ruled island claimed by Beijing as its own, and by meeting with the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan Buddhist leader China calls a separatist.

The head of the U.S. side, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights Michael Posner, said in an interview ahead of the talks that the United States would not shy away from raising difficult issues.

"The challenge is to find a way to communicate those differences respectfully but directly," Posner said.

He said human rights could not "just be isolated to a few days of discussion every other year, every year; it's part of the broader relationship."

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MILITARY BASE An impasse over what could be the most controversial U.S. military facility in the world, after Guantanamo Bay, could bring down the government of a key U.S. ally. It's an airstrip on the sleepy, semitropical tourist haven of Okinawa, Japan, that hasn't directly been involved in a conflict since the Japanese surrender in 1945 ended the Second World War. Haunted by a campaign pledge to relocate the base, Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama has vowed to settle the issue — or at least form a coherent set of proposals — by the end of this month. Polls suggest he will be under heavy pressure to resign, after barely nine months in office, if he fails to do so. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Kazakhs amend law for president's immunity
Kazakh lawmakers have approved amendments to the constitution that will give President Nursultan Nazarbayev lifetime immunity from prosecution for acts committed during his rule and the right to approve important national and foreign policies after he retires. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Neighbours baffled at man's fatal meat cleaver attack

Neighbours in Lincheng, China, say Wu Jianming seemed like a good, quiet man. They struggle now to understand how he could fly into a rage over unpaid rent, slashing and killing seven preschoolers and two adults with a cleaver.

Neighbours heard screams early Wednesday coming from a preschool run out of Wu's two-story farmhouse, then heard Wu shout: "They owed me rent!"

Police and rescue officials who rushed to the scene found more than a dozen dead or injured students, the school's administrator nearly decapitated and her 80-year-old mother barely clinging to life.

Wu was in his home nearby, dead after apparently slashing his own throat.

The case shocked China, prompting leaders to again call for increased school security. It was the deadliest of five such school rampages in less than two months.

Sociologists say the recent attacks that have left 17 dead and scores wounded reflect the tragic consequences of ignoring mental illness and rising stress resulting from huge social inequalities in China's fast-changing society. Zhen Xiulan, 71, lives a short walk away from the preschool and said she knew Wu his entire life. She can't reconcile her image of Wu with the blood-spattered scene she saw after the killings.

> **"He had a very soft and gentle personality and didn't have mental problems that we knew of."**
> Zhen Xiulan

Zhen said the children had massive head gashes.

"This kid was very honest and didn't talk much," Zhen said of Wu. "He had a very soft and gentle personality and didn't have mental problems that we knew of.

"None of us would ever have imagined he would do something so terrible."

She said Wu had two children as well as two younger brothers.

What drove him to violence, another neighbour said, was a dispute over his yellow farmhouse at the foot of Lincheng, a softly sloping village on the outskirts of Hanzhong city that overlooks a deep green patchwork of rapeseed crops and magnolia trees.

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Ex-altar boys to share $18M after settlement in abuse case

COURTS Dozens of former altar boys who sued Vermont's Catholic church over alleged sexual abuse by priests will share in a nearly $18 million US settlement of their cases.

The attorney for the 26 former altar boys and the bishop of the statewide Diocese of Burlington said Thursday they were pleased by the settlement, but both acknowledged that the cases had been difficult for the victims.

"Our clients are very happy to have the opportunity to close this chapter in their lives," said attorney Jerry O'Neill. "All of them know that nothing goes away, nothing changes the pain, they will live with this the rest of their lives, but at least now they can put this piece behind them and move forward."

Bishop Salvatore Matano asked for prayers to help the victims heal from the scars of abuse. "This has been a very painful process for the victims and for all the members of our diocesan family. I once again apologize most sincerely for the pain the victims have suffered," Matano said. "I ask that you join me in praying always for these wounded and hurt brothers and sisters."

The lawsuits accused the diocese of negligent hiring, and many of the cases centred on defrocked Rev. Edward Paquette, who was the target of allegations before he transferred to Vermont in the mid-1970s.

Last month, a judge set a Sept. 20 trial date for the cases.

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Secret settling

- In addition to the 26 pending cases that were settled for $17.65 million, the two sides agreed to settle three cases that had already been decided in court and were on appeal. The diocese said those settlements would remain confidential.

Truck hits wire, kills at least 15

INDIA At least 15 people died in eastern India on Thursday after the truck they were riding in touched a high-voltage wire, police said.

Sujit Kumar, superintendent of police, said another 30 people were injured in the accident near Satpura, a village in eastern Bihar state. They were returning home from a funeral after cremating the body of a villager who died earlier in the day, Kumar told The Associated Press. Hareram Pandey, a senior official of the state-run Bihar state electricity board, confirmed the accident. The electricity supply wire was overhanging the road.

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Egypt **Exotic jump**

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A Motocross rider jumps during a training session in front of the Sphinx at the Giza pyramids Egypt, Thursday in preparation of the second stage of the Red Bull X-Fighters World Tour.

Evacuation needed as lake swells: Engineers

FLOOD Dozens of villages in northern Pakistan must be evacuated as army troops dig spillways to drain a swelling lake that has submerged homes and roads since being formed by a massive landslide, the army's chief engineer said Thursday.

The lake is rising at a rate of one metre per day and already has submerged dozens of homes and farms in the remote mountainous area close to the border with China.

Lt. Gen. Shahid Niaz said 25,000 people had already left by boat after the lake covered roads leading out of the Upper Hunza Valley following the Jan. 4 landslide. Thousands more from 36 villages on the Hunza River downstream are still in the danger zone.

Niaz said arrangements had been made for any emergency. He spoke amid fears the rubble that created the lake could collapse, causing flash floods that would endanger downstream villages.

Niaz did not give a figure for the area currently covered by the lake, but said it stretched for 16 kilometres. It is expected to begin draining from the spillways by the end of the month, he said.

The spillways were designed to be a temporary fix. Officials said rains in July would likely cause the rubble to collapse, but enough water would have drained by then to minimize the deluge.

Niaz also downplayed worries that a collapse would threaten the Tarbela Dam 400 kilometres downstream, which is the world's largest dam made from earth and rock.

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Comment

Ottawa's summer of the shovel

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The spring sunshine still has me blinking with disbelief some days as I rediscover simple pleasures like bumping into friends on the street again, a much rarer occurrence in winter, and also simple annoyances like the dust, noise and traffic clotted around construction and roadwork sites.

If you think you're being advised to Use Other Sidewalk a little more often than usual this spring, you're probably right, and it's probably only going to get worse in the summer of the shovel.

This year, Ottawa's usual seasonal digfest is compounded by a $375.8-million stimulus spending spree on more than 100 projects in the city.

The jobs are welcome, and many of these jobs desperately need doing. Ottawa's infrastructure, like that of many Canadian cities, has been neglected for decades, and one estimate last year put repairs and replacements $1 billion in arrears.

The catch, however, is that all this construction, in order to get its full measure of federal backing, must be completed by the end of March 2011. City staff are already warning of $4.5 million or more in potential shortfalls should the deadline be missed.

The Canadian Construction Association warned its members last month to be on the lookout for clauses in stimulus contracts in which municipalities try to stick them with the bill for any delays.

For the federal government, the visibility of stimulus spending is a two-way street. All the federally funded projects include signs touting Canada's Action Plan, the colour scheme of which incidentally echoes the Conservatives' party logo.

Should construction drag on, though, those green, white and blue signs could become a focus for frustration, more symbolic of disruptions imposed than improvements sponsored. With an election always possible, this is not the branding Tories want.

But the deadline pressures, while encouraging a timely end to the mess, could cause significant problems of their own. The final months before the deadline coincide with a little thing we call winter, which has a way of playing hell with everyone's plans.

And while we all hope the tight time strictures won't encourage the cutting of corners on construction, maybe to the detriment of public safety, common sense and human nature make it a distinct possibility.

Meanwhile, the summer will go on in and around the caution horses and backhoes, the tour buses and the festival mobs.

We can at least take comfort that Mayor Larry O'Brien, whose condo building overlooks the $6-million road, sewer and water main replacement that has chewed up Sussex Drive from George to St. Patrick, will share our summertime blues.

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Worth mentioning

U.S. backs Obama's spill response: Poll

The Gulf of Mexico oil spill hasn't stained U.S. President Barack Obama nor dimmed the public's desire for offshore energy drilling, according to a new Associated Press-GfK Poll.

While some conservative pundits have called this "Obama's Katrina," that's not how the public feels, the poll found. BP PLC, which owned the well that has gushed more than 15 million litres and counting after an April 20 oil rig explosion, is getting more of the public's ire.

More people surveyed said they approved of Obama's handling of the ongoing oil spill than disapproved, but not by large margins or with unusually strong feelings. It contrasts with the public's reaction to former president George W. Bush's response to another Gulf disaster, 2005's hurricane Katrina.

The poll found 42 per cent approve of Obama's actions, 33 per cent disapprove and 21 per cent say they have neutral feelings about his response.

The reaction is strongly along partisan lines. Democrats lean toward favouring Obama's actions, 58 per cent to 19 per cent, with 17 per cent expressing neither approval nor disapproval. By 47 per cent to 27 per cent, Republicans disapprove of Obama's reaction, with 23 per cent saying neither. Independents are about evenly split between approval and disapproval.

Barack Obama

For Bush after Katrina, the public was harsher in its assessment. An AP-Ipsos poll in mid-September 2005 showed Bush's approval rating was somewhat lower in the weeks following the Katrina disaster than Obama's rating for handling the current crisis. Back then, 35 per cent approved of Bush's handling of the disaster and 42 per cent disapproved, with 25 per cent not expressing either approval nor disapproval.

The poll also found the public still supports the idea of drilling offshore for oil and gas. By 50 per cent to 38 per cent, more people favour increased coastal drilling for oil and gas than oppose it.

While Republicans favour it by a 3-to-1 margin, Democrats lean toward opposing it, 52 per cent to 36 per cent. Independents are about evenly split. Groups giving drilling the strongest support include men, middle-aged and older people, whites and residents of rural and suburban areas.

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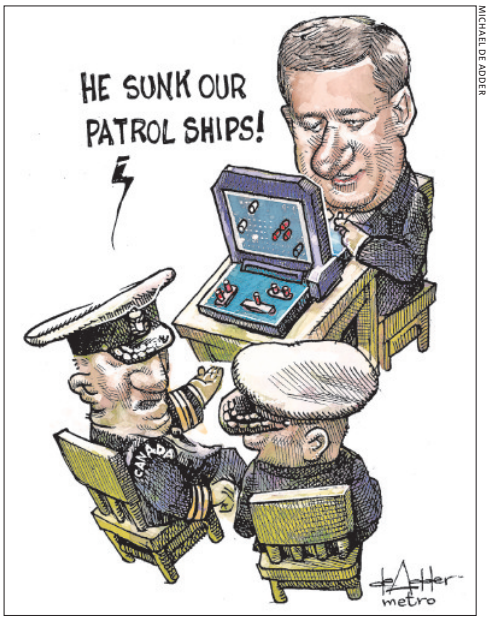

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Sweet profits for Tim Hortons
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RIM may be working on tablet

TECH Research In Motion is reportedly working on a tablet device to compete with Apple's iPad.

A tablet device would be a major departure for the Waterloo-based company, which thus far has made only handheld devices such as its BlackBerry line of smartphones.

But RIM can't afford to ignore the popularity of the iPad and the fact other competitors are expected to bring out their own tablet devices, said Ashok Kumar, a technology analyst who has commented on the company's efforts to come out with a tablet.

"RIM can't afford not to participate in that segment," he said in an interview.

A RIM spokesperson declined to comment on the tablet rumours, but Kumar said he is basing his evidence on discussions with RIM suppliers such as Quanta, a hardware manufacturer in Taiwan, and Marvell Technology Group, a California-based maker of silicon solutions.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Traditional media needs to change: New Canwest rep

MEDIA Financial firms are investing in traditional media companies because the price is right and there's potential for profitable growth on the digital side, says the man who is helping bring Canada's largest chain of daily newspapers out of bankruptcy protection.

"Newspaper companies are cheap. Didn't the Canwest papers just sell for about a third of what Conrad Black got paid for them?" said John Paton, who will sit on the board of the new Canwest. But newspapers need to both cut costs and boost their digital revenue, Paton told the Canadian Newspaper Association Thursday.

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LimeWire loses court battle

LEGAL File-sharing software company LimeWire has lost a long-running court battle to the major recording companies.

A judge with the U.S. District Court in New York ruled this week that the company and its chairman, Mark Gorton, were liable for inducing copyright infringement.

The decision in the case, which began in 2006, doesn't mean the site will shut down right away. The record labels and LimeWire are to meet with Judge Kimba Wood on June 1 to determine the next steps.

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New rules for telecoms

Foreign ownership no threat, says Clement

The Harper government is committed to preserving Canadian content on television and radio while allowing for a greater foreign presence in the telecommunications sector, Industry Minister Tony Clement says.

The minister told a House committee yesterday it is possible to separate the two.

"There's no question there's been convergence in the industry between those who are providing telecommunications and the broadcasting, but in our view it is possible to deal with those separately."

Tony Clement

Ottawa signalled in the throne speech in March that it wants to increase competition in the telecommunications sector, such as wireless services, by opening it to more foreign investment.

Some critics have said that since companies like Rogers Communications provide both content and distribution of content, the two functions cannot have separate rules.

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India Microsoft Office 2010

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Microsoft India executives Sanjay Manchanda, right, Tarun Gulati, left, and chairman of Microsoft India Ravi Venkatesan look on during the launch of Microsoft Office 2010 in New Delhi, India, yesterday. Microsoft India announced the availability of Office 2010, SharePoint 2010, Visio 2010 and Project 2010 for business customers in India and across the world.

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Parker won't play for France

Tony Parker won't play at the world championship for France this summer, staying instead with his San Antonio Spurs. The point guard said Thursday on his website that the Spurs made it clear he should "only focus on the club." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Royals flush manager

Trey Hillman, left, became the first manager to get fired this season when the Kansas City Royals let him go Thursday after a final win. Former Milwaukee manager Ned Yost, who had joined the Royals' front office in January, immediately took over the team. The Royals made the move after beating Cleveland 6-4, a win that left Kansas City at 12-23 and last in the AL Central. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports in brief

TENNIS Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal reached the quarter-finals of the Madrid Masters on Thursday with straight set victories. The top-ranked Federer beat Swiss countryman Stanislas Wawrinka 6-3, 6-1 and second-ranked Nadal saw off big-serving John Isner of the United States 7-5, 6-4.

GOLF Matt Jones eagled the par-5 14th hole and finished with a 6-under 66 to take a one-stroke lead Thursday after the first round of the Texas Open. Jones also had four birdies on the back nine on the Greg Norman-designed Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio, the tournament's new site after 15 years at La Cantera.

MLB Baseball commissioner Bud Selig is ignoring calls to move next year's all-star game from Phoenix because of Arizona's new immigration law. Asked about such demands at a news conference Thursday following an owners meeting, he responded with a defence of baseball's minority hiring record. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Richard, Lafleur ... Cammalleri?

High-scoring Hab matching team greats

Michael Cammalleri is not just scoring goals for the Montreal Canadiens, he is matching the feats of some of the 24-time Stanley Cup champions greatest stars.

With seven goals in a seven-game series victory over the defending Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins, Cammalleri equalled a team record for tallies in a single playoff series shared by Maurice (Rocket) Richard (1944 and 1958), Jean Beliveau (1956), Bernard (Boom Boom) Geoffrion (1957), Guy Lafleur (1975) and Marcel Bonin (1959) — all of them but Bonin long established members of the Hockey Hall of Fame.

How's that for company?

And Cammalleri, who signed as a free agent from the Calgary Flames last summer, has a shot at making more history when the Canadiens move into the conference final for the first time since 1993, the year of their last Stanley Cup conquest.

When the Toronto native said after the Canadiens eliminated Pittsburgh with a 5-2 win Wednesday night that "there's something pretty special going on here," he was talking about the team. It was left to others to say the same about him.

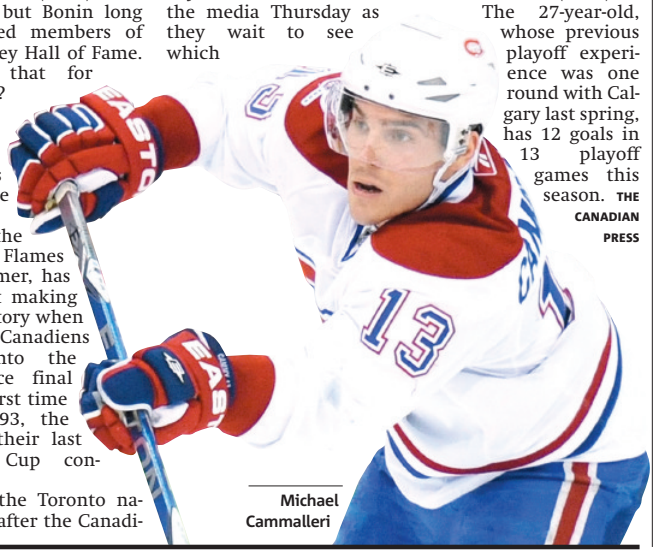
The Canadiens had a day off from the rink and the media Thursday as they wait to see which team they will face in the NHL Eastern Conference final, which will be decided Friday night in a Game 7 showdown between the Boston Bruins and the Philadelphia Flyers.

Once it starts with Game 1 Sunday (CBC, 7 p.m. ET), more team records will be in danger.

Cammalleri had two game-winning goals against Pittsburgh and one in the first round against Washington, leaving him one short of a team record shared by Richard (1958), Beliveau (1965) Lafleur (1975) and Claude Lemieux (1986).

The 27-year-old, whose previous playoff experience was one round with Calgary last spring, has 12 goals in 13 playoff games this season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

15 The modern Canadiens record for goals in one playoff year is 15 by Yvan Cournoyer in 1973. Michael Cammalleri is already tied for fourth place in that department with 12.



Michael Cammalleri

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Boston Bruin Mark Recchi trips in the crease behind Philadelphia Flyers goalie Michael Leighton on Wednesday.

Bruins stay calm after dropping three in a row

GAME 7 Now the Boston Bruins know how the Philadelphia Flyers felt the past week. Win or put away the skates for the season.

Like the Flyers after they lost the first three games of their Eastern Conference semifinal, the Bruins are determined not to let three straight losses affect them in Friday night's Game 7. There's no more leeway for either team anymore.

The Bruins showed calmness and spoke confidently after a nearly hour-long practice Thursday. Barely 12 hours earlier, that practice became necessary with the Flyers' 2-1 win.

"They've had their season on the line the last three games and they've had an extra gear that we didn't match," Boston defenceman Dennis Wideman said.

"Now our season's on the line so, hopefully, we have that extra gear."

The Flyers had to scrap just to get into the playoffs. It took a shootout win on the last day of the regular season.

They'd hate to let an impressive comeback go to waste but they must play in front of passionate Bruins fans.

"When you're down 0-3, you look at it as a lot of hard work by all the players," Philadelphia coach Peter Laviolette said.

"It's a testament to them and their never-quit attitude. Now it comes down to one game. You don't want all that work to go away for nothing." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Keys for B's

- The Bruins played well for much of Game 6 but their checklist for the finale is long: Get off to a better start; put more traffic in front of goalie Michael Leighton; forecheck better; pounce on rebounds; and spread out their offence in the attacking zone to minimize blocked shots.

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Robin Hood misses mark

Russell Crowe shakes up medieval England with his turn as Robin Hood.

Robin **Hood**

Director: Ridley Scott
Stars: Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

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There's a fundamental flaw in trying to fabricate the origin of a folk hero whose legend has been repeated in various forms since medieval times — it's simply unnecessary.

Oh, it's an interesting idea of course. But the lore of Robin Hood is so ingrained in minds that trying to produce a story that essentially imagines how he became who he became is remarkably redundant.

Filmmaker Ridley Scott teams up with Russell Crowe for the fifth time to reawaken this character but beyond a few flashy action sequences which (in the wake of every medieval fantasy produced since Lord of the Rings) may be impressive but are far from mind-blowing.

Still, this convoluted adaptation shows how a skilled archer in Richard the Lionheart's 12th century crusades ended up bearing news of the King's death to the Royal Court and assumed the identity of a Nottingham soldier. As such, Robin rallies his fellow countrymen to confront French armies that plan to invade England at the influence of a royal turncoat.

Got that? If not, don't worry; this movie eagerly meshes too many storylines to form the beginnings of the Robin Hood audiences know and love and will, presumably, fill theatres to see anyhow. As such, the film's tactical approach struggles to develop a beating heart.

At least Crowe and Cate Blanchett (as a damsel never quite in distress) have the Oscar-winning acting chops to breathe life into this blockbuster blueprint. In the end however, this Robin Hood may not "rob from the rich and give to the poor," but after emptying your wallet at the box office, you may just wish it did.

"THE MOST ROMANTIC MOVIE OF THE YEAR."
– Greg Russell, MOVIE SHOW PLUS

"★★★★. LOVED IT! Vanessa Redgrave is sensational and Amanda Seyfried will absolutely steal your heart!"
– Shawn Edwards, FOX-TV

"Truly romantic and honestly funny!"
– Stephen Schaefer, BOSTON HERALD

"★★★★. A lovely and irresistible tale of true love… It's altogether wonderful."
– Jeff Craig, SIXTY SECOND PREVIEW

"A romantic, enchanting and beautiful love story. 'Letters' is the perfect date movie."
– Maria Salas, TERRA TV

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British Awakening
Rebecca Hall, Dominic West and Imelda Staunton have joined the cast of the proudly British thriller The Awakening. Regular TV director Nick Murphy is behind the camera for this one, a tale of ghosts and mystery set in 1920s England. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Love's Letters lost

Letters to **Juliet**

Director: Gary Winick
Stars: Amanda Seyfried, Vanessa Redgrave
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕½

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Amanda Seyfried's everywhere these days. From Big Love to a slew of recent films, the doe-eyed blond, who is as ubiquitous as she is unconventionally beautiful, has tackled a range of roles.

Letters to Juliet's Sophie is worlds away from the titular character in Chloe or as Needy in Jennifer's Body. Even if her choices seem odd, there's no denying the girl is skilled.

And talk about being in the moment. Seyfried starred as Liam Neeson's prostitute/lover in Chloe and in Letter to Juliet she plays muse to Neeson's mother-in-law Vanessa Redgrave, the mother of his late wife, Natasha.

As for Redgrave, her presence elevates any film. She is the heart and soul of Letters, able to convey meaning with the slightest gesture.

Redgrave has nobility and strength of character,, and gives this sweet confection refinement and a degree of believability it needs.

Seyfried's aspiring writer/fact checker Sophie is taking a pre-honeymoon trip to Verona in Italy with her irritating chef fiancé Victor (Gael Garcia Bernal), who will be too busy to pay attention to her after the wedding.

Sophie finds Giulieta's "balcony" in Verona that advertises itself as Romeo and Juliet's courtyard. Weeping girls from all over the world post their romantic sob stories on the walls, hoping Giulieta will reply with cheering advice. In fact, Giulieta's "secretaries" reply in her voice.

Sophie infiltrates the secretarial pool and answers a letter left by lovelorn Claire, an English teenager, in 1957. Claire (Redgrave) arrives in Verona in hopes of being somehow mystically reunited with her local lost lover through Sophie. Her handsome but snooty grandson Charlie (Chris Egan) is there to hand out reality checks.

Against all common sense, the trio embark on a a cross-country search for a lost lover.

The film is straight-up eye candy, shot in Tuscany with its gorgeous tapestry of sensuality, and golden light, food, and wine.

But the premise is beyond belief. A few clunky lines that don't belong break the intended spell with a thud.

There are resonant moments of emotional awakening and tributes to lost loves that bring a tear to the eye, but predictability kills the dramatic tension.

• For a trailer of Letters to Juliet, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies

Vanessa Redgrave, left, and Amanda Seyfried star in Letters to Juliet.

Mao's Last Dancer will pull heartstrings

Mao's **Last Dancer**

Director: Bruce Beresford
Stars: Chai Cao, Bruce Greenwood
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Ballet dancer Chi Cao stars in Mao's Last Dancer.

REVIEW Mao's Last Dancer is one of those "inspirational true story" movies custommade to be crowd pleasers.

The Australian production is headed by Driving Miss Daisy director Bruce Beresford and is even based on an autobiography by the central character.

The pedigree suggests heartwarming schmaltz and the filmmakers deliver. As long as you aren't expecting anything more than that, the movie will warm your blackened heart.

The film tells the tale of ballet dancer Li Cunxin, who grew up in rural poverty in Mao's communist China before being selected for the national ballet school. His considerable skills soon led him to become the first dancer allowed to leave China to study in America. He quickly adjusts to the new country's charm and falls in love with a lovely waspy ballerina. When he tries to marry his way into American citizenship the Chinese government throws a hissy fit, transforming Li into an important political figure as well as a beloved dancer.

The story is touching and powerful, with a nice cast led by award winning dancer Chi Cao, who combines forces with director Bruce Beresford to create some beautifully choreographed dance sequences.

That said, the slow burn two-hour running time can be a little butt-numbing and the sentimentality is laid on so thick that it will inevitably irritate audiences with even an ounce of cynicism.

Fortunately, the central story is so sweet and the cast so carefully assembled that it's hard not to be charmed by the film. Wonderful and hilarious supporting turns by Bruce Greenwood and Kyle MacLachlan keep the movie alive.

Watts to play Monroe

Naomi Watts has signed on to star as Marilyn Monroe in a new adaptation of Joyce Carol Oates' imagined memoir, Blonde. The film will be helmed by Andrew Dominik, the director of 2007's The Assassination Of Jesse James. IMDB.COM

Reel Time

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Commie comedy charmer

The **Trotsky**

Director: Jacob Tierney
Stars: Jay Baruchel, Colm Feore, Emily Hampshire
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

Jay Baruchel, centre, has revolution in his head in The Trotsky.

Most 17- year-olds are concerned with school, sports and finding a date for the prom.

Not Leon Bronstein (Jay Baruchel). In The Trotsky, a new comedy starring How to Train Your Dragon's lead voice, he is convinced he's the reincarnation of revolutionary Leon Trotsky and tries to unionize the students of Montreal West High School. "The teachers have a union," he says. "I think we deserve the same."

Leon Bronstein's (which was Trotsky's given name) journey from privileged rich kid to budding Bolshevik begins when he organizes a hunger strike at his father's (Saul Rubinek) clothing factory. In retaliation Dad pulls Leon out of boarding school, slashes his allowance and exiles him to a public school. There he finds his calling (and falls for an older woman played by Emily Hampshire).

Taking the term "student union" a bit too seriously, Leon rails against his new school's tyrannical hierarchy — notably Principal Berkhoff (an ominous Colm Feore) — and goes to absurd lengths to fulfill his pre-ordained destiny by changing the world — or at least his small corner of it.

This Canadian commie comedy is chock full of funny lines, nice performances and echoes of Ferris Bueller's Day Off.

Actor turned director-and-writer Jacob Tierney shows a firm hand behind the camera and has crafted a movie that is a cut above the standard teen caper. It's more inventive, funnier, grittier than most teen fare, and while Tierney can take credit for much of the film's success, it is Baruchel who really impresses.

In what looks to be Baruchel's breakout year — he has four films on the slate for 2010 including The Sorcerer's Apprentice opposite Nic Cage — The Trotsky is a delightfully idiosyncratic performance.

Leon may be a little left of centre, both personally and politically, but Baruchel humanizes him. It's a riff on the gawky geek role he patented in Tropic Thunder and Knocked Up, but this time he adds so much charm (and a good dollop of slapstick) to the performance it's hard not to root for his and Leon's mad mission.

The Trotsky works because of its clever script and optimistic outlook, but it sparkles because of Baruchel's performance.

• For a trailer of The Trotsky, photos and screentimes, visit metronews.ca/movies

No rom-com cliché left untouched

Just **Wright**

Director: Sanaa Hamri
Stars: Queen Latifah, Common
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Queen Latifah stars in Just Wright.

REVIEW Romantic comedies are like ATM machines for Hollywood studios.

The date night audience is huge and requires little originality or even thought from the filmmakers. Introduce a struggling single lady to Mr. Right, keep them apart until the last reel and you've got yourself a hit.

Just Wright hits all the hallmarks of the genre and it's just as trite as whatever is next on the rom-com assembly line.

Queen Latifah stars as a physical therapist and basketball fanatic who can't seem to find herself a man (sigh). A chance encounter brings her close to her favourite New Jersey Nets player (Common), but her hottie gold-digging sister (Paula Patton) wins his heart.

At least that's true until an injury throws his career in jeopardy and she jumps ship. However, the player now needs a physical therapist and, yadda yadda yadda, love conquers all.

From the first scene the filmmakers slavishly follow every tired rom-com formula imaginable. Not a single character appears on screen without servicing the love story.

An above average cast lead by the likable Latifah/Common duo and aided by Pam "Foxy Brown" Grier and Phylicia "Mrs. Huxtable" Rashad do what they can with the material, but never make their characters feel like more than genre types.

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Mao's Last Dancer (PG) Fri 6:55 Sat 4:25-8:55 Sun 6 Mon 4:30 Tue 9 Wed-Thu 6:45
Please Give (14A) Fri 9:25 Sat 6:55 Sun 1:30-8:30 Mon-Tue 7 Wed-Thu 9:15

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Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Date Night (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:40-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:10
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:45 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45
Iron Man 2 (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-1-3:10-4:10-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:25 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-7:10
Letters To Juliet (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-9:55
The Losers (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:25-10:05 Mon-Wed 4:40-7:25-10:05 Thu 4:40-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:15
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Times Talks Live: Lost (STC) Thu 8

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The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri 3:40-6:35-9:05 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:35-9:05 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:35-9:05
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Sub-Titled Fri 4-8 Sub-Titled Sat-Sun 12:30-4-8 Sub-Titled Mon-Thu 4-8
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The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the Eighth Dimension (STC) Sun 9
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Sun 1
Chocolat (STC) Tue 9
Monkey Warfare (STC) Wed 7
Prodigal Sons (STC) Fri-Sun 7

Robert Downey Jr. reprises his superhero role in Iron Man 2.

A Prophet (18A) Sat 9 Thu 7
Raging Bull (STC) Mon 9:30
Robo Geisha (STC) Sat 11:55 Thu 9:55
Waydowntown (14A) Wed 9:35

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Alice in Wonderland (PG) Sat 2
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri 7

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The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:30-2:50-5:10-7:20
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Thu 1-7:05-9:05
Gunless (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:35-7
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 10-7:30-9:35
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Thu 10:10-4:35-8:55
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:05
The Runaways (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Sex and the City (18A) Fri 7
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 9:50 Sat-Thu 9:50-6:35-9:15
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-3:5
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 12:20-2:25 Sat-Thu 12:20-2:25-4:30

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

Iron Man 2 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 3:45-6:30-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1-3:45-6:30-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 3:45-6:30-9:10
Kick-Ass (18A) SDDS Digital Fri 4-6:45-9:20 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:45-9:20 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9:20
Letters To Juliet (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 4:15-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:30

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Avatar 3D (G) Fri 8:20 Sat 6:30 Sun 8:30 Thu 9:10
Cavaliers du Monde (STC) Fri 4:10 Sat 4:20 Sun 9:50-4:30 Mon-Wed 4:10 Thu 4:10-7
Requins 3D (STC) Fri 1 Sat-Sun 1:10 Mon 1-7 Tue 1 Wed 1-8 Thu 1
Ride Around the World (STC) Fri 3:10 Sat 9:50-3:20 Sun 3:20 Mon-Wed 3:10 Thu 3:10-8
Sharks 3D (STC) Fri 10-11-12-2-5:20 Sat 11-12:05-2:15-5:25 Sun 11-12:05-2:15 Mon 11-12-2-5:20-8 Tue 11-12-2-5:20-7-8 Wed 11-12-2-5:20-7 Thu 10-11-12-2-5:20
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Alvin et les Chipmunks: La suite (G) Fri-Sun 12
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Millenium 3: La Reine Dans le Palais des Courants d'Airs (13+) Fri 6:20-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:20-9:30 Mon 6:20-9:30 Tue 12:10-3:10-6:20-9:30 Wed-Thu 6:20-9:30
Petite Vengeance Poilue (G) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-7-9:10 Mon 7-9:10 Tue 12:50-3:40-7-9:10 Wed-Thu 7-9:10
Robin des bois (G) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-3-6:40-9:40 No Passes Mon 6:40-9:40 No Passes Tue 12-3-6:40-9:40 No Passes Wed-Thu 6:40-9:40

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Clash of the Titans 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:55-6:40-9:15
Dragons (G) Fri-Thu 11:35-2:05-4:25-6:50-9:25
Les Griffes de la Nuit (13+) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:30-4:50-7:35-10:25
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:15-4:40-7:20-9:45
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Robin Hood (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-2:50-7:05-10:05

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Furry Vengeance (G) Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:50-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-8
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:50
Iron Man 2 (PG) No Passes Fri 6:30-7:30-9:40-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-1-3:10-4:10-6:30-7:30-9:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-6-8:10-8:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
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Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:15-6:55-9:40
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Oceans (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:10-7:20-9:35
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The Trotsky (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:35-7:40-10:25

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Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Sun 10:35-12:50-3:05-5:20-7:35-9:50 Mon-Wed 3:05-5:20-7:35-9:50 Thu 3:05
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Sun 10:40-1:40-4:35-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:35-10:25
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Just Wright (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:20-1:55-4:20-7:05-9:40 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2-4:20-7:05-9:40
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Sun 11:25-4:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:35-10:15
The Last Song (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:10-4:45-7:25-10:05 Mon-Wed 2:10-4:45-7:25-10:05 Thu 2:10
Letters To Juliet (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:05-11:35-1:45-2:15-4:25-4:55-7:15-7:45-9:50-10:20 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:15-4:25-4:55-7:15-7:45-9:50-10:20
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Shrek Forever After 3D (PG) Digital, Special Engagement, Sneak Preview Thu 12:01

Superpowered TV

ABC has picked up its first new series for the fall, the drama No Ordinary Family. It follows a family with superhero powers and stars Michael Chiklis (The Shield) as the patriarch and Julie Benz (Dexter) as his wife. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

The man behind Sheldon

Big Bang Theory star credits writing for character's success

Playing Sheldon Cooper isn't rocket science. Nor, for that matter, is it theoretical physics, Sheldon's chosen field as the science virtuoso of The Big Bang Theory.

So says Jim Parsons, who plays Sheldon on that hit CBS sitcom.

"It's all right there in the script," Parsons insists. "I'm not trying to eschew credit or be falsely modest, but there's a part of me that feels like I didn't come up with anything. For me, for the most part, it's very clear: It's the words."

Fans of Big Bang might take issue with Parsons' self-appraisal, particularly after spending a cordial, non-Sheldony interview session with him. Granted, most people don't use the word "eschew" in everyday discourse, but for the most part, Parsons strikes a pleasingly impressive contrast to his sitcom alter ego, who happens to be socially challenged, nerdy, high-strung, blunt-spoken and beyond the pale in his devotion to science.

Parsons, on the other hand, has tried and given up understanding physics, is cheery and unassuming, and has a twinkle in his eye as he talks about the show. At 6-foot-2 and a young-looking 37, he shares Sheldon's lankiness, but not the uptight manner or Sheldon's goofy-sounding "gotcha!" substitute: "bazinga!"

All in all, it's an object lesson in his skill as an actor.

Big Bang, concluding its third season this month, places Sheldon in a familiar sitcom premise: He shares an apartment with friend and fellow brainy CalTech scientist Leonard Hofstadter (played by Johnny Galecki, Roseanne). Geeky research chums Howard (Simon Helberg) and Rajesh (Kunal Nayyar) drop by with comically timed frequency.

CBS

Jim Parsons, right, plays nerdy Sheldon Cooper in the CBS sitcom The Big Bang Theory.

And across the hall, by sitcom good fortune, resides Penny, a lovely blonde played by Kaley Cuoco (8 Simple Rules) who aspires to be an actress but pays the rent by waiting tables at a Cheesecake Factory. She is notably not a genius.

If this thumbnail description sounds a bit by-the-book, Parsons wouldn't disagree.

"I said it from the beginning: From the description, some people are going to say, 'I don't care. I don't want to watch two nerds and their pretty neighbour.'"

Happily, The Big Bang Theory began life as much more. Then, under the tutelage of sitcom maestro Chuck Lorre (Two and a Half Men) it continued to grow.

The creative evolution of the show might be framed in the same terms with which Sheldon received Penny's greeting, "How ya been?"

"Well," said Sheldon, literal as ever, "my existence is a continuum, so I've been what I am at each point in the implied time period."

Turns out, there was a point in Parsons' career continuum when even he wasn't sure how he felt about the show.

A Houston native who had a recurring role on Judging Amy and appeared in films including Garden State and School for Scoundrels, he arrived to audition for Sheldon having no clear reaction to the show overall.

He only knew from the script that he wanted to play Sheldon.

"I wanted the chance to talk this weird way that he talks, and this odd way he communicates with people."

Bazinga! The role as this head-in-the-clouds science savant was his.

"Leonard wants to reach out and be part of the normal world. But Sheldon doesn't see the point, and in fact thinks the farther you can stay away from it, the better your work's going to be," Parsons sums up.

Meanwhile, Penny is sufficiently astute to find things to like in both these guys, eccentricities and all. She has the insight to appreciate their mental capacity, however far it might loom beyond her reach.

So does Parsons, by the way.

"They're not just nerds, they're not just geeks. They are geniuses! They're beautiful minds," he declares. "And I've come to find that, for me as an actor, playing Sheldon opens up anything. Things that he would think of, ways that he would act — anything's possible for me. It's very freeing." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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J.J. Abrams' packed life

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J.J. Abrams is one busy man.

With his latest hit series, Fringe, gaining new fans, several new TV and film projects in the works and the teaser trailer for his next film, Super 8, burning up the Internet, the writer, director and producer has one of the most crowded plates in the entertainment industry.

At least one of his projects, the groundbreaking TV series Lost, is wrapping up. Abrams found the time to sit down with Metro — on a Sunday, no less — to talk shop.

Q What can you say about Lost coming to an end?

A I feel like Lost did a wonderful thing in ABC and Damon [Lindelof] and Carlton [Cuse] came to this agreement to allow the show to end after the sixth season, which three years ago, I think was a shockingly bold thing for the network to agree to. But I think it was really smart because I think that the show will end on its own terms. It will end in a way that, I think, will allow the show to not have gone on two years after it should have.

Q How many projects are you working on at the moment?

A I'm getting some more fingers sewed onto my hand. There are a number of projects, but I'm one of a number of people working on those things. It's not like it's me alone in this room. We're editing a new show [Undercovers, for NBC]. I wrote that with Josh Reims, who I used to work with on Felicity. We're also prepping this Mission:Impossible movie and working on the Star Trek sequel. Damon is writing Star Trek with Alex [Kurtzman] and Bob [Orci]. Bryan Burk is my producing partner on everything.

Q How involved are you with Fringe?

A Well, my role in Fringe now is to be there when they need me to be there, and it actually would be more damaging to come in, you know, kind of periodically and just kick things around. Because if you're not in there and present for all the discussions, you're reacting to certain things that are in process, and you're not as informed. They're running the show. So it's hard for me to say, "OK, you run the show unless I come in and screw you up." This is a big question for me: How much do I get involved?

Q Is it tough juggling so many projects?

A There are moments it's just, you know, it's nightmarish because you realize each one of these you want to work on full-time. On the other hand it seems, though I have very big eyes. I get very optimistic about how much I can do. The truth is I still take my kid to school every day and put him to bed every night. I don't work on weekends.

Q Except for today.

A Right. My kids went, "What?" "I'm really sorry. This is an exception."

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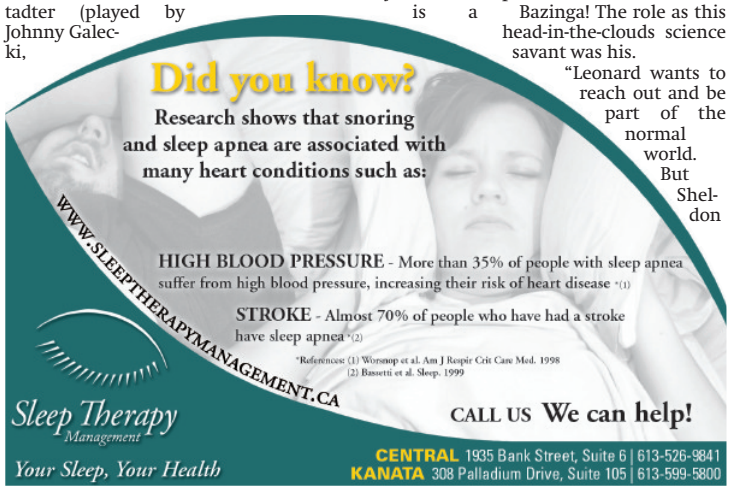
J.J. Abrams' groundbreaking Lost is coming to an end.



NBC wants to rewards its fans

Fans who share their passion for NBC shows online could earn the network's appreciation — and prizes — in return.

"Fan It," an initiative aimed at turning social-media users into an ad hoc promotional team for the network, will launch Monday, NBC said Thursday.

"A recommendation from a friend is infinitely more powerful than any message we can put out through conventional marketing channels," said Adam Stotsky, president of NBC Entertainment Marketing.

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If you sign up for NBC's new initiative "Fan It" you might win a prop from the desk of Michael Scott from the Office.

After signing up on NBC's website and logging in to their Facebook, Twitter, MySpace or MyNBC accounts, participants earn points through activities such as chatting about series and steering friends to NBC-related links.

The points can be redeemed for rewards including sneak previews of shows, NBC merchandise and entry into a sweepstakes to win big-ticket items such as attendance at the finale of The Biggest Loser or a prop from The Office, the network said.

A social-media promotion this season for Chuck gave a fan, David Paul of Turlock, Calif., the chance to have his photo included in one of the title character's flash-of-brilliance sequences in the May 25 finale.

The "Fan It" initiative extends through the 2010-11 season and will involve new and returning shows.

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FRIDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
5/14/10	265	353	2	TVO	India with Sanjeev Bhaskar		Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat		A. Gregg	Film 101	Agenda-Paikin
primetime	211	331	3	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Friday Night Lights (N)		Shark Tank		Brothers & Sisters (N)		News Hour
	209	342	6	CHRO	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap (N)		America's Next Top Model		Miami Medical (N)		Comedy Now
	196	311	7	CTV	etalk	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium "Dead Meat"		The Bridge (N) (DVS)		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	22 Minutes	Laughs	Ron James: West Coast Wild		CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National		The Hour (N)
	-	360	9	NBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Friday Night Lights (N)		Dateline NBC (HDTV)				News
	-	362	13	CBS	The Insider	Judge Brown	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium "Dead Meat"		Miami Medical (N)		Two/Half Men
	216	395	14	OMN2	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		News: Cantonese Edition		Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case
	214	344	15	CITY	Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Murdoch Mysteries		Warehouse 13 (HDTV)		CityNews (N)
	218	345	18	CHCH	*Shine* ★★★ (1996, Drama) Geoffrey Rush, Justin Braine.				*National Lampoon's Senior Trip* ★ (1995, Comedy)				News at 11
	-	361	20	ABC	Action News	Entertainment	Wife Swap (N)		Primetime: What Would You		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News
	-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	House "Knight Fall"		Kitchen Nightmares (N)		FOX 2 News (N)		News
news	500	500	33	CNN	John King, USA (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)		
sports	406	417	27	net	Poker2Nite	Sportsnet	Hockey Memorial Cup: Teams TBA. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet
	126	730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Boston Bruins. (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre		NBA Basketball	
family	554	544	48	TEL	Batman: Brave	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	*Galaxy Quest* ★★★ (1999, Comedy)		
	557	540	51	FAM	Good-Charlie	Good-Charlie	*Camp Rock* (2008, Musical Comedy) Joe Jonas.				(9:47) *Holes* (2003, Adventure)		
	551	542	65	YTV	*Lovewrecked* (2006, Adventure) Amanda Bynes.				Things I Hate	Survive This	To Be Indie	Family Biz	Prank Patrol
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
	628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Ways to Die	(9:45) Entourage		Entourage	Entourage
	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*Nightmare at the End of the Hall* (2008, Drama)				Kenny vs.	Pure Pwnage	Misfits
	520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Dirty Jobs		Canada's Worst Handyman		Egypt Unwrapped (N)		Daily Planet
	581	566	53	MTV	Cribs	After	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	The Hills	After	1 girl 5 gays
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	603	561	95	FN	Ricardo	Bitchin	Road Grill	Road Grill	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay

SATURDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
5/15/10	265	353	2	TVO	Raptor Force		*True Believer* ★★★ (1989, Crime Drama)				The Interviews	*Cape Fear* (1991, Suspense)	
primetime	211	331	3	GTV	16:9-Picture	renegade	*Cheaters' Club* ★★ (2006, Drama), Kate Trotter				Jane Show	G-Spot	News Hour
	209	342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		*Demons From Her Past* (2007, Suspense) (DVS)				Stargate Atlantis		Bravo!FACT
	196	311	7	CTV	W5 (DVS)		Flashpoint (DVS)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	NHL Hockey Playoffs: Teams TBA. (HDTV) (Live)						Movie		
	-	360	9	NBC	The Healing Power of Juicing		Wheel-Fortune	Advantage	Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		News
	-	362	13	CBS	Bosley Hair	The Insider	*The Bourne Ultimatum* ★★★ (2007, Action) Matt Damon, Julia Stiles.					48 Hours Mystery (N)	
	216	395	14	OMN2	Nations of	Trendy Zone	*In Love With the Dead* ★★ (2007, Horror) Shawn Yue.				Once Upon a Time in Toronto		Nations of
	214	344	15	CITY	Cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	*Amal* (2007, Drama) Rupinder Nagra. (DVS)				Crusoe
	218	345	18	CHCH	*Whale Rider* ★★★ (2002, Drama) Keisha Castle-Hughes.				*Shopping* ★ (1994, Action) Sadie Frost, Jude Law.				News at 11
	-	361	20	ABC	Entertainment Tonight		*Just Like Heaven* ★★ (2005, Romance-Comedy)				Castle (HDTV)		News
	-	365	36	FOX	News	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted		FOX2 News at 10:00pm (N)		Wanda Sykes
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Anderson Cooper 360		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Cooper 360
sports	406	417	27	net	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Detroit Tigers. From Comerica Park in Detroit.						Saturday Night Poker		Sportsnet
	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	109 (SC)	Découverte (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		Tout	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	NHL Hockey Playoffs: Teams TBA.						SportsCentre (HDTV)		
family	554	544	48	TEL	*Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed* (2004, Comedy)				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel
	557	540	51	FAM	Wingin' It	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Sounder* ★★★ (2003, Drama)			*Around the World in 80 Days*	
	551	542	65	YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Zixx Level	Adrenaline
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	520	505	42	DIS	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Canada's Worst Handyman		Deadliest Catch		License to Drill		Breaking Point
	581	566	53	MTV	MTV Live	Movie Night	After	After	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	After
	522	506	55	HIS	(5) *Tsunami, the Aftermath* ★★ (2006, Docudrama)				*The Kingdom* ★★ (2007, Action) (HDTV) Jamie Foxx, Chris Cooper.				
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primetime	211	331	3	GTV	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Survivor: Heroes vs. Villains (N)				Survivor: Heroes vs. Villains		News Hour
	209	342	6	CHRO	TMZ (N)		Gossip Girl (N)		Monk		Law & Order: SVU		In Fashion
	196	311	7	CTV	Law & Order A man's double life is revealed. (N)				Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Flashpoint		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	To Be Announced		*Victor: The Victor Davis Story* (2008, Biography) (DVS)				CBC News: The National		fifth estate
	-	360	9	NBC	The 2010 Miss USA Pageant (Live)				The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)				News
	-	362	13	CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		Survivor: Heroes vs. Villains (N)				Survivor: Heroes vs. Villains		CSI: Miami
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	214	344	15	CITY	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Murdoch Mysteries (N)		Survivorman (DVS)		Crusoe
	218	345	18	CHCH	*Undercover Brother* ★★★ (2002, Comedy)				*The Bourne Identity* ★★★ (2002, Suspense) Matt Damon, Franka Potente.				News at 11
	-	361	20	ABC	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News
	-	365	36	FOX	'Til Death (N)	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	FOX2 News at 10:00pm (N)		Sportsworks
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Anderson Cooper 360		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Cooper 360
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	557	540	51	FAM	Wingin' It (N)	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*The Mighty* ★★★ (1998, Drama)			(10:40) *Gremlins*	
	551	542	65	YTV	(6) *The Princess Bride* ★★★ (1987)			Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This	Zixx Level	Adrenaline
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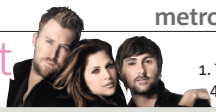

Top albums on the Billboard 200

1. The Oracle, Godsmack; 2. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum, left; 3. The Generous Mr. Lovewell, MercyMe; 4. Live At The Troubadour, Carole King & James Taylor; 5. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

The sacred and the profane

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Brian Borcherdt is relieved. His band's new album is finally on the streets. "It's like an annoying little brat of a child leaving for college," he says, joking about Latin, Holy F—k's latest effort.

The last time the Toronto-based electonica band released any new music was 2007. Since then, the group has gone from relatively obscurity to globe-trotting touring act.

"The last disc was a slow burning record," says Borcherdt. "We toured it for the last four years."

But, being in a band like Holy F—k, which started as an improvisational live act, doesn't mean they have to stick to a formula every night. With their various keyboards, pedals and noise machines, they can crank out any sounds they want.

"We don't feel like we have to play a certain record," he says. "We're always playing new material and mixing it with old material. Even those songs have changed so much that we forget they're old."

Latin is the latest album from Holy F—k. The Toronto electronic band's last album, LP, was nominated for the 2008 Polaris Music Prize.

While the band still improvises on stage, their albums, which were previously written on the fly, are now fully formed tunes.

"This record has more thought out ideas than anything in the past," says Borcherdt. "We write things, craft them on stage and then bring them into the studio."

While the new disc still has plenty of frenetic noise, clubby beats and discordant, drone-y electronica, it's also softer and more atmospheric than previous discs. Some may miss the wild pace of their old songs, but this is clearly an album by a band. The songs are focused and clear — you can actually hear Latin America's groovy rhythm track and spacey keyboard sounds, while the catchy SHT MTN sounds like a more traditional electro-pop rocker.

That tighter sound is a product of a once loose lineup of players becoming an actual touring, money-making act. At one point they just played with whoever was around, but as more cities came calling, the group was forced to solidify their players and become an actual band.

"When we started we wanted to share this band with anyone who was willing to play," he says. "Any of our friends could join us. But then we became more about making records and touring and you can imagine that it's easier to do with an actual band than an imaginary one."

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But being a band isn't enough. It helps to know what you're doing. "We've gotten better at this," says Borcherdt, who, like the rest of the group, got his start playing in rock bands. "When we started we didn't know anything. It was more about plugging this thing and seeing how it feeds back. Now I know what's going to happen when we do something to a mixer."

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Street dates and the '180 gram vinyl'

SoundCheck

After 100 Metro columns, perhaps it's time to answer some reader email:

Q **Why is new music always released on Tuesday?**
— Ian, Vancouver.

A Before the 1980s, a new album could end up in the stores on any day of the official week of release. Exactly what day it appeared on the shelves depended on when a particular store go its shipment from the record label. This, however, made keeping track of sales very difficult and inefficient. It was also unfair to stores and fans outside of large urban centres — those places far away from the warehouses, where you might wait a week or more for the shipment of that album to arrive.

Eventually, the labels got together and agreed that the supply chain would be coordinated so that all new releases appeared in stores simultaneously on the same day of the week. Tuesdays are now known as the "street date."

Things are slightly different in the U.K. where the street date is Monday. Before the Internet, this wasn't so much of an issue. Now, however, it's common for a North American artist to see their record on sale in the U.K. a full 24 hours before it appears in stores at home. And with file-sharing, you know what that means.

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Q **What is this "180 gram vinyl" I keep hearing about?**
— Sadie, Toronto.

A This is a good question for people who have rediscovered vinyl. Normal records are pressed from polyvinyl chloride that, when spread out to album thickness, weighs anywhere from 100 to 120 grams. Audiophile grade 180 gram vinyl weighs—you guessed it—180 grams per square yard. This makes the records thicker and heavier and less prone to warping so that the tone arm tracking is more true, resulting in (theoretically) better sound.

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Murphy boycotts Newsweek

Glee creator Ryan Murphy has issued an open letter, urging people to boycott Newsweek until it apologizes for a now-notorious article about gay actors playing straight roles. EW.COM

Going Out

Mix of Six

The Underpants

When: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Ron Maslin Playhouse

The Kanata Theatre's production of Steve Martin's play asks, "How is a poor girl to react when she experiences a very public costume malfunction?"

Free Shred-it event

When: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: 2950 Bank St., Unit 8 and 462 Hazeldean Rd., Unit 18.

Shred your worries away at a free shredding event to benefit the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation.

Mackenzie King Estate summer season opening

When: Saturday
Where: Mackenzie King Estate in Gatineau Park

Visitors to this 231-hectare estate can share William Lyon Mackenzie King's love of horticulture and landscaping.

A Tribute to the Liberation of the Netherlands

When: Saturday, 1 p.m.
Where: Canada Aviation Museum

Renowned author, historian and television host Norm Christie, as well as historians, performers and special guests.

Lorne Elliott

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Centrepointe Theatre

Family-friendly Canadian humourist Lorne Elliott is presenting his show of comedy.

Free Stargazing

When: Friday, 8:30 p.m.
Where: Canada Science and Technology Museum

The museum is holding a free star party where you can gaze at the night sky with telescopes and binoculars.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Nooka belts

STYLE The company may be well known for its vinyl skins for laptops and music players, but Nooka has come up with a line of strip belts. These colourful creations feature an innovative snap and release closure system, allowing each wearer to adjust it to their exact waist size. nooka.com.

2 Going Gaga

INTERNET It seems Lady Gaga's music is good for any occasion — just take a look at You Tube. Among the best are a sixth grader singing Paparazzi to a gaggle of girls at a school concert, and a flash mob in San Francisco that re-interpreted Bad Romance to urge people to boycott hotels where workers are fighting to win a new contract and health care.

3 Finger in the Nose

FASHION Just because your kid is tot-sized doesn't mean he or she isn't a fashionista at heart. This French clothing line will give any kid attitude with clothes mom or dad would want to borrow. The company's e-store is still under construction, but does provide information on how to purchase its rock 'n' roll-inspired items. fingerinthenose.com

4 True Blood Bling

ACCESSORIES The Simmons Jewelry Co. is celebrating the return of vampire-based romance and intrigue with a collection of silver trinkets inspired by True Blood. The collection includes the obligatory crosses, but also star- and skull-shaped charms, bracelets and rings. True Blood season three returns June 13. kay.com

5 Star Wars Tom Tom

GADGETS Next time you are lost in traffic, or just trying to find your way to the nearest comic book store, your guide could be Darth Vader. The Star Wars character's voice is now being used by Tom Tom in its navigation system. Not sure about turning to the Dark Side? The company plans to introduce a Yoda voice in July, Han Solo in August, and C-3PO later on. starwars.tomtom.com

6 Invictus

DVD One team, one country, and now on DVD. Clint Eastwood's latest film chronicles the true story of how Nelson Mandela joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team to help unite the country. Invictus hits stores on Tuesday.

7 Come Dine With Me

TV The hit British TV show — which airs on W Network — is getting the Canuck treatment. It was announced this week that a Canadian version of the show, which searches for the best dinner host by having five people take turns creating three course meals, will begin shooting in Toronto later this year.

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The girls are baaaaaack!

SATC 2 is bringingglamour into the spotlight

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

Sure, you may have replaced your Manolos with a pair of studded brogues.

And yes, you might be wearing more beige than red. Never mind that fashion is moving steadfastly towards a place of minimalism and restraint, Sex and the City 2 is about to squash all of those gushing fashion blog posts you've read about streamlined, tailored camel coats.

Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda are back in all of their shiny, jewel-toned, turban-wearing glory. So before the sequel to every city girl's favorite movie hits theatres, follow these steps to get yourself back into SATC mode.

LOVE THE STATEMENT SHOE
Shove the flats to the back of your closet. And get your feet used to wearing tall heels again. If Charlotte can walk through the hot desert sands in stilettos, surely you can make it down the pavement. ASOS platform sandals, $135, asos.com.

COVER YOURSELF IN SEQUINS
Carrie and gang are perennial good time girls. And what is a good time without sequins? The shinier the better. H&M Fashion Against AIDS jacket, $50, hm.com

LOAD UP ON HALSTON
The Halston plissé maxi dress will be to SATC2 what the Vivienne Westwood wedding dress was to SATC1: a must, must-buy. Get a jump on your friends by scoring the ivory version of Carrie's vacation frock now. Halston Heritage dress, netaporter.com.

Entertainment in brief

POLL Teen idol Justin Bieber and Glee star Cory Monteith are among the fresh faces on Hello Canada's most beautiful Canadians list. The Stratford, Ont., singer appears on the magazine's cover. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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The boy band effect

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Canada

Justin Bieber and Zac Efron may owe more than they realize to the likes of the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync for the mind-boggling popularity of their current song-and-dance routines.

The boy bands that dominated the airwaves a decade ago have changed society's tune on what's considered masculine for today's pop phenoms and musical theatre heartthrobs, says Craig Jennex, a gender studies and musicology student at Dalhousie University.

And Jennex, 23, knows a lot about boy bands — not as a fan, but as a researcher. The soon to be Dalhousie University graduate's undergraduate thesis was about understanding the social significance of these groups.

Zac Efron

"I think pop music is an integral part of how young people learn about gender and sexuality and race," he said. "I wanted to look at that and better understand my generation because we were the ones who grew up with the boy bands and with the teen pop of the 1990s."

As quickly as they appeared and dominated the charts, the boy bands disappeared. But Jennex argues their lasting legacy may not be record sales, but the influence they had on relaxing what elements made up society's definition of male masculinity.

"They really made our concepts of adolescent masculinity a lot less rigid, which I think is a good thing. I think there's a lot of young people out there who certainly don't fit into our ideals for young male masculinity in terms of gender performance and sexuality."

The relationship between dance and male masculinity is one example. From the late 50s to the early 90s, "it just wasn't ok for men to perform their masculinity through dance," says Jennex.

But for the boy bands, dance was at the centre of their concerts and music videos.

"Now we have things like Justin Bieber, who has dance as part of his persona. We have Zac Efron and High School Musical and all these dancing shows, like Dancing with the Stars, America's Best Dance Crew," says Jennex.

"Dancing has become ok in terms of hegemonic masculinity, like it's an ok way to now show your masculine capacity as a young man. I think that was completely through mediation of the boy bands of the late 1990s."

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The Backstreet Boys from left, Howie Dorough, rear, Nick Carter, front left, AJ McLean, Brian Littrell and Kevin Richardson at J Records recording studio in New York in this 2005 file photo.

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Redmond releases

Redmond O'Neal, the 25-year-old son of Ryan O'Neal and late actress Farrah Fawcett, has moved from the Impact Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center in Pasadena, CA., to a sober living environment, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Tempers flare in Twilight land

WEIRD BECAUSE SHE SEEMS LIKE SUCH A PLEASANT PERSON TO BE AROUND Looks like there may be trouble in paradise between Twilight co-stars Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart, who reportedly got in a fight during reshoots for the next chapter of the successful franchise.

"Kristen asked for a reshoot because she didn't like her wig in the scene. Robert turned up later on the set," a source says. "When Robert arrived, he and Kristen started fighting. She accused him of taking a later flight from London because he had been hanging out too late at a burlesque bar. She accused him right in front of the director and the crew.

"He didn't take it well. They were both so angry, the crew had to take a break for an hour for things to simmer down."

Reps for Summit Entertainment deny there was any argument.

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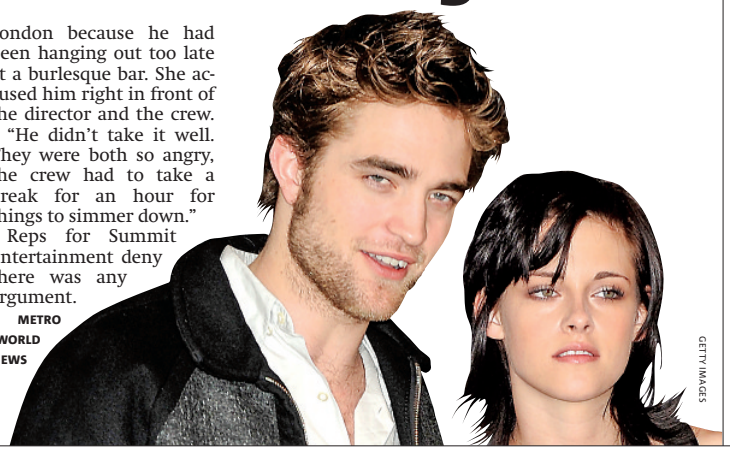

GETTY IMAGES

Looking for a free ride

SHE SHOULD TRY USING HER THUMB Lindsay Lohan has reportedly been trying to score a trip to France to drum up investors for her new Linda Lovelace biopic, Inferno, at the Cannes Film Festival. The only problem is no one's willing to foot the bill, according to Page Six. "She's been asking around, but hasn't had any takers," a source says.

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CelebTweets

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@aplusk what is going on with all the natural disasters?
@SarahBrownUK Gordon is still happily the MP for Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath (he resigned as party leader not as member of parliament)
@lilyroseallen Where's good to eat on the west side of hamburg?
@ActuallyNPH I love that NPH.com is the Nazarene Publishing House. I wonder if they'd let me hock merchandise.

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Creating their own boy band?

KINGSTON'S THE GUITARIST, ZUMA'S ON DRUMS, NOW THEY JUST NEED A VOCALIST Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale are reportedly getting ready to welcome baby No. 3 into their home, sources tell Star magazine.

One source spotted Stefani acting odd recently.

"She was pulling at her shirt to keep it away from her body. It seemed really strange," the source says. "But then, when she turned to the side, I could see why. She definitely had a baby bump."

Another source insists to the magazine that the singer is pregnant — and not having a great time with it.

"Gwen is having a really rough time this pregnancy," the source says. "She had all-day morning sickness for a while with Zuma, but she's sicker this go round and has been feeling exhausted and dizzy."

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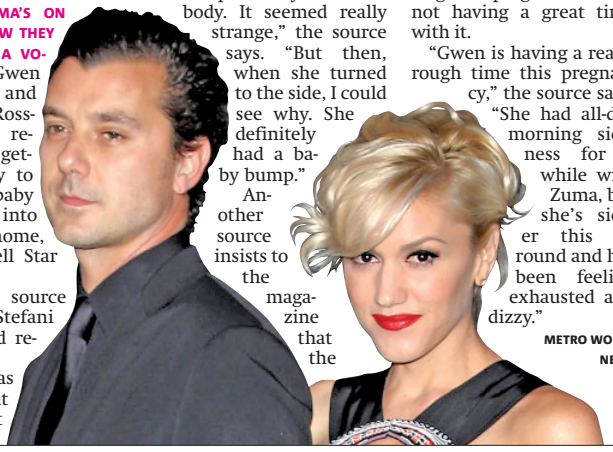

Penn to pay his penance

FOR PUSHING OVER A PAPARAZZO Sean Penn has been ordered to undertake anger management counseling, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 49-year-old actor was not in court Wednesday to hear a judge rule he must undergo 36 hours of therapy, perform 300 hours of community service and be placed on probation for three years after he pleaded no contest to vandalism following a spat with a photographer last year. The actor has been permitted to complete his community service working for his Haiti charity.

The actor had originally been charged with misdemeanour battery and vandalism, which could have led to an 18-month jail term, but agreed a plea bargain, which saw the charges dropped to misdemeanour vandalism.

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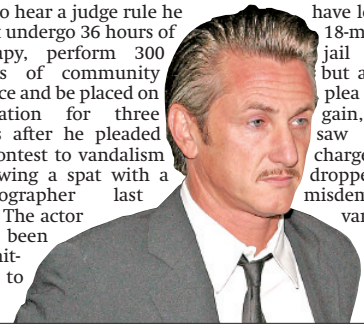

Looking for loyality

LOYAL LIKE A DOG Twilight star Taylor Lautner knows what he's looking for in a girlfriend — he's just having a hard time finding it.

"Obviously loyalty," Lautner tells Oprah Winfrey when asked what he values in a potential significant other. "And what's really important to me is somebody who can totally let loose and pretty much be themselves and have fun." The 18-year-old actor briefly dated country singer Taylor Swift last year.

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Miley shakes her shanks with Shankman

UM, HE'S GAY. AND WHAT WERE KIDS DOING AT A WRAP PARTY ANYWAY? Miley Cyrus is causing an uproar with a leaked video of her giving a provocative lap dance to 45-year-old producer Adam Shankman at the wrap party for The Last Song seven months ago, according to Radar Online.

The video shows Cyrus grinding up against the openly gay Shankman.

"The worst part is that there were little kids at the party and the dancing between Miley and Adam was so dirty that some of the parents actually left the party and took their kids home," a source says.

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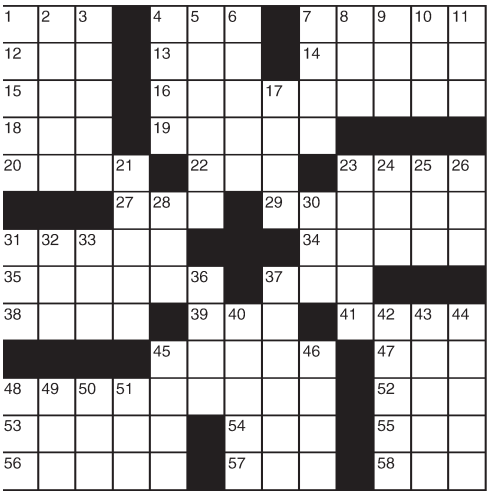

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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	8	9				3	2	
3								1
		7	4	9	1	6		
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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5	4	9	6	1	8	7	3	2
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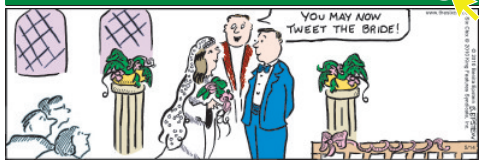

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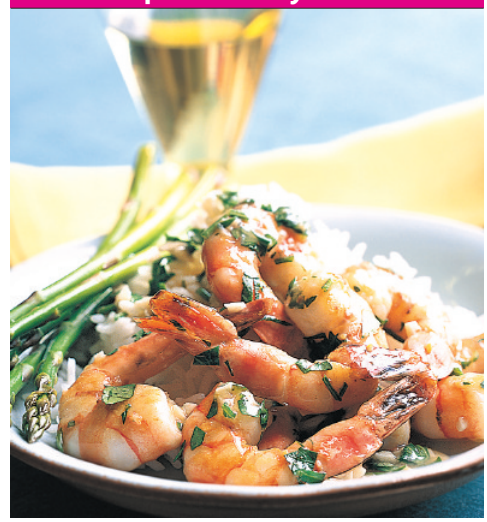

Shrimp Scampi

INGREDIENTS:
1 1/2 lbs large shrimp
2 tsp olive oil
3 cloves garlic, minced
2/3 cup bottled clam juice or reduced-sodium, low-fat chicken broth
3 tbsp fresh lemon juice
Salt to taste
1/8 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
1 tsp cornstarch blended with 1 tbsp water
1/4 cup chopped parsley

METHOD:
1. Shell and devein shrimp.

2. Spray large nonstick skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Add oil and heat over medium heat. Add garlic and cook until tender, 2 minutes.

3. Add shrimp and cook, stirring, until almost cooked through, 3 minutes. Add clam juice, lemon juice, salt and red pepper flakes and bring to boil. Cook until shrimp are opaque throughout, about 1 minute.

4. With slotted spoon, transfer shrimp to serving plates. Bring liquid in skillet to boil, stir in cornstarch mixture; cook, stirring, until sauce is lightly thickened, about 1 minute. Stir in parsley and spoon sauce over shrimp.

SERVES 6

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Good news is coming your way and it will affect you where you need it most — in your pocket. Be careful though that you don't spend all your money

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Any day can be a new beginning but with a new moon in your sign this is the best day of all to change your life for the better.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Why are you hiding away where no one can find you? Maybe it's because you are going through one of your occasional bouts of soul searching.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you talk to someone whose ideas you tend not to agree with today you may be surprised to learn that you are not so far apart in your views after all.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You must not give in to pressure today. If you show the slightest hint of weakness you will put yourself at a disadvantage, especially on the work front.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You are thinking of moving on or doing something different with your life. That's great, but have you talked it over with your loved ones? You should.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
However friendly you may be with a certain individual, if they are taking up too much of your time and energy you must cut them adrift.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
It may seem as if you are dancing to someone else's tune but you are not as helpless as you think you are.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
If you are called upon to make a quick decision then make it and don't look back. It may not be the best decision but if you stand still you'll miss out.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Because today's new moon falls in one of the most dynamic areas of your chart you cannot be forced into doing anything against your will.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Be ready to put other people's needs ahead of your own today, even if it means you run the risk of missing out on something you were looking forward to.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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1948: Israel is declared to be an independent state. Immediately after the declaration, Israel is attacked by the neighboring Arab states, triggering the 1948 Arab-Israeli War.
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